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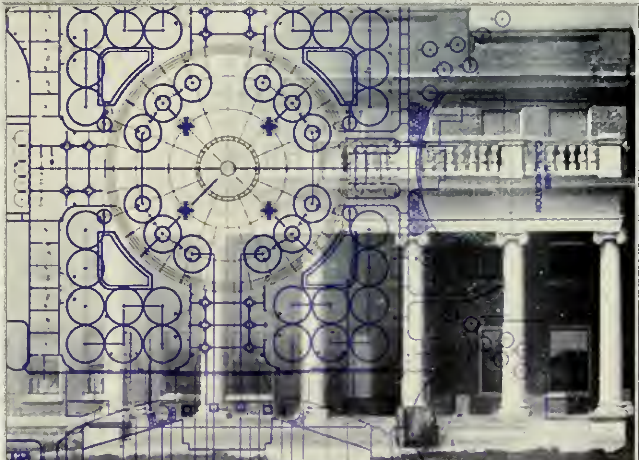

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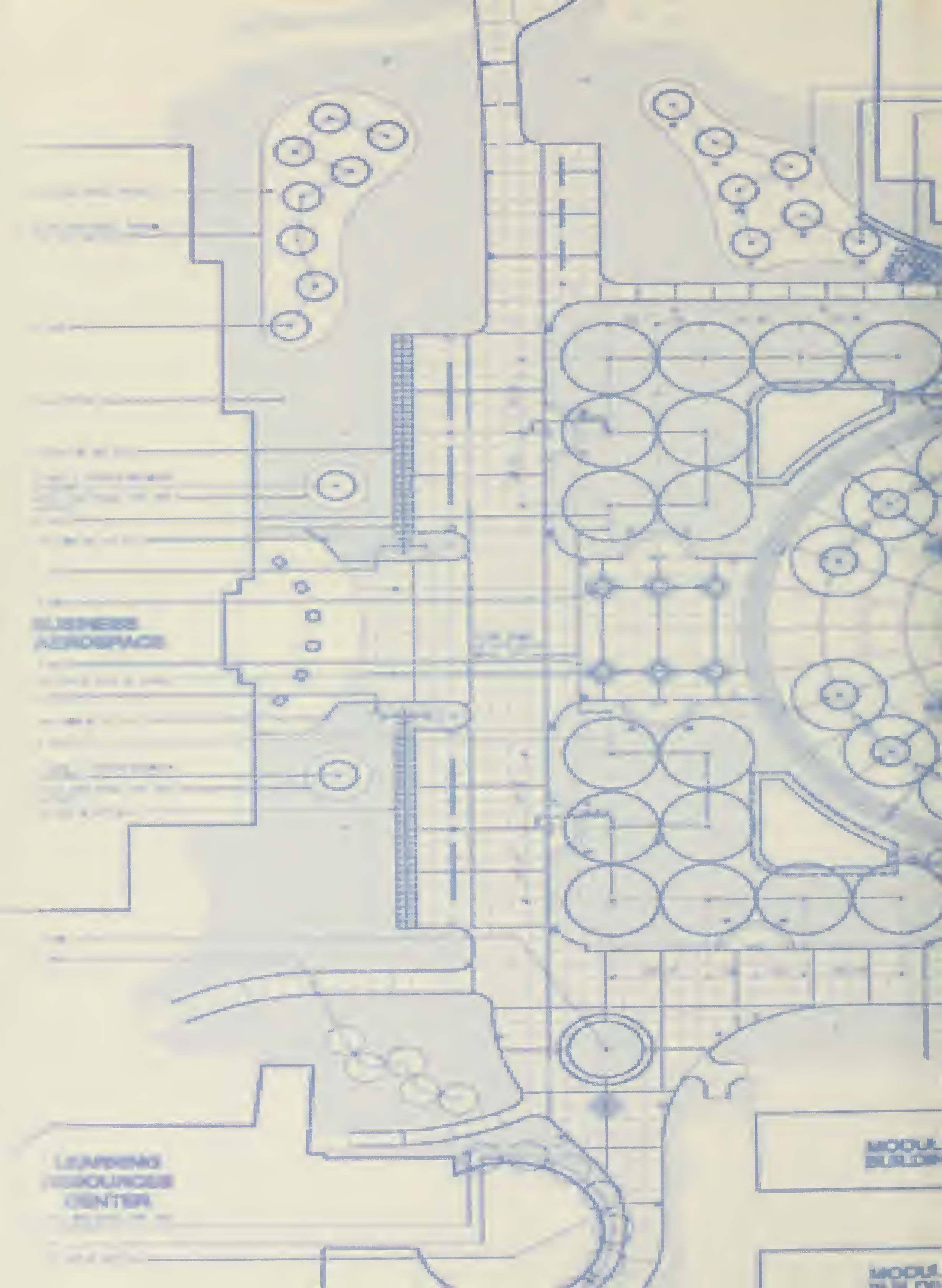
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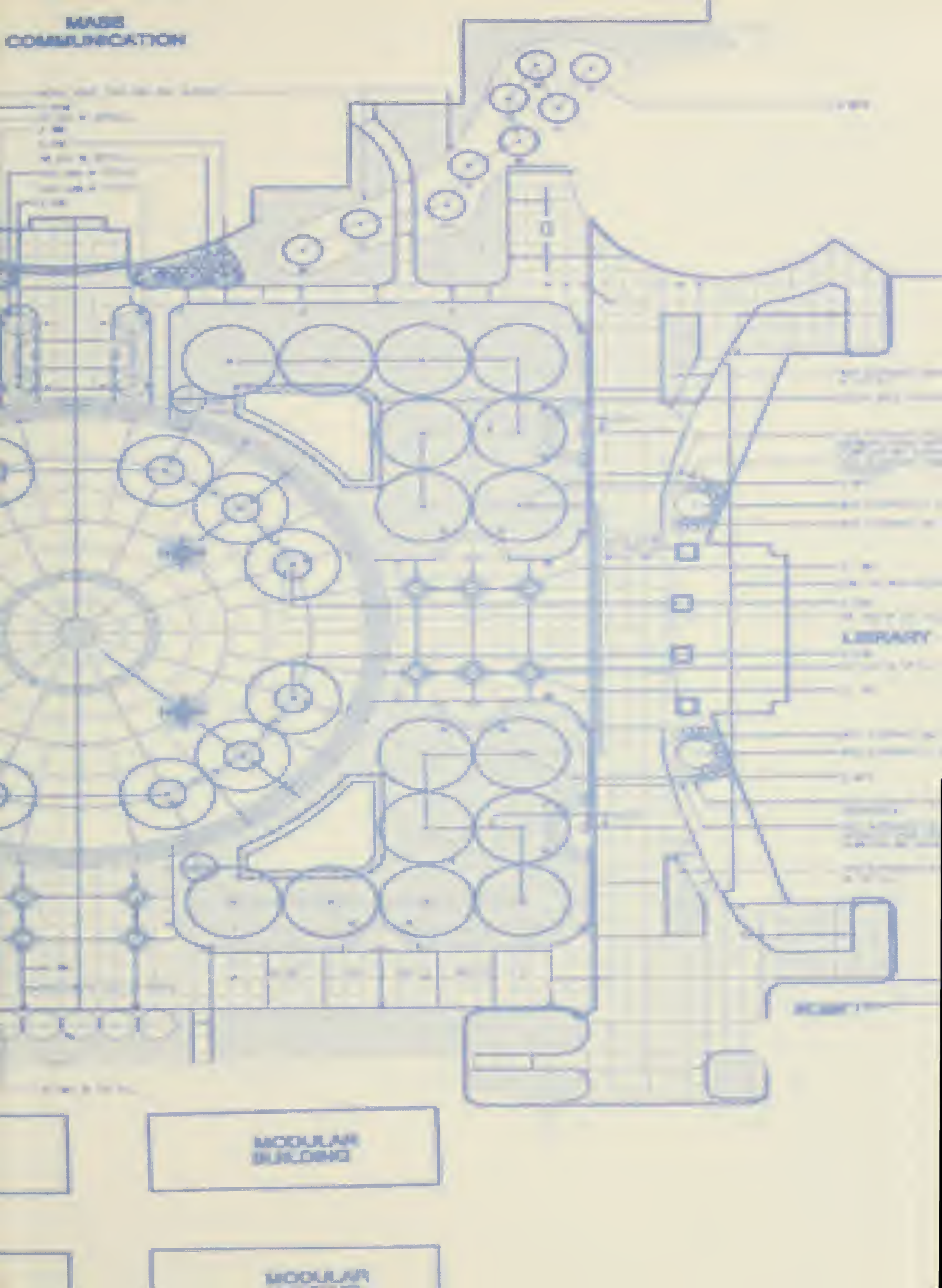
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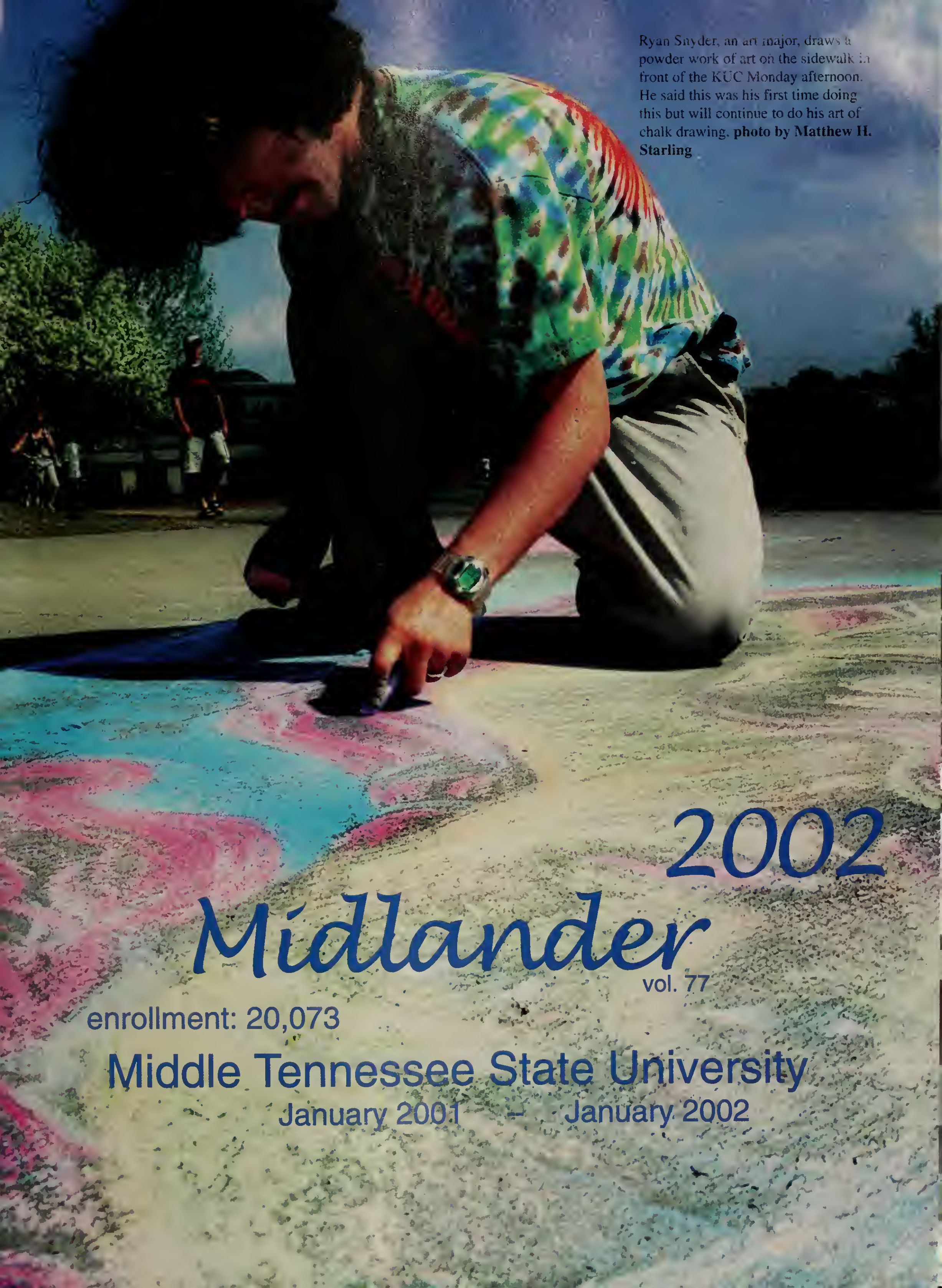

Ryan Snyder, an art major, draws a powder work of art on the sidewalk in front of the KUC Monday afternoon. He said this was his first time doing this but will continue to do his art of chalk drawing. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

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I feel especially connected to this class and its graduates as I complete my first full year as MTSU's president. I consider myself a member of the Class of 2002. To each of you I say thank you for your leadership and the experience you have given me. You will, I am confident, guide the way for others by becoming responsible citizens and contributors to our society.

You are special-- your attributes, qualities, drive and character are exceptional. I am proud of each of you. You will, I am sure, continue to help me lead the way as alumni of Middle Tennessee State University, which you have done so much to shape and build.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. McPhee

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First: Students wait in the hallways of the Business and Aerospace Building before classes begin. Students were locked out of many classrooms due to a rule stating that all classes will be locked when not in use. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Second: Jason Johnson and Avery Hatten test their mettle in the annual spring Blue and White game. The game showcases the Blue Raiders for the upcoming fall season. **photo by Kristy Dalrymple**

Third: President SidneyMcPhee spends a large portion of his Saturday helping students move into the dorms to show his involvement with the student body. Various student groups also lent a helping hand to the student body moving into residence halls. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Fourth: Alpha Delta Pi member Courtney Stinson, along with other campus organizations, works on making cards for hospital patients at St. Jude Children's Hospital, during "Up Till Dawn" Friday, Feb. 23. Approximately 300 students helped in the effort to raise $28,895 for St. Jude. **photo by Elisa Fisk**

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The Blue Raider football team celebrates after pulling off its most notable win in school history by trouncing SEC opponent Vanderbilt 37-28 on Aug. 30th. The game brought long- sought support for the Blue Raiders in the form of the mostly blue 39,885-strong crowd. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

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Fall into the Fun

Welcome Week Events 2001

Friday, Aug. 17 -- Dinner & Open Mic Nite, 6 p.m.
-- Outdoor Movie: *Charlie's Angels*, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18 -- Dinner & Street Fair, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19 -- Coed Softball Tournament, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20 -- President's Picnic, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 21 -- Volunteer Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22 -- GreekFest, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23 -- Student Organization Fair
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24 -- Darrell Hammond, 8 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 27 -- Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 -- Meet Murfreesboro, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 -- Meet Murfreesboro,
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
-- Raider Rally & Baha Men

Thursday, Aug. 30 -- MT vs. Vandy, 7 p.m.

Right: Members of the women's soccer team play human foosball at the president's picnic Aug. 20. The picnic also featured free food, a climbing wall, music by the Band of Blue and The Nationals.

Opposite Page, Top: The president's picnic gave Dr. Sidney McPhee time to greet AΔΠ's Tara Wielgus and Brittany Vassar, as well as other new and returning students. Because this was Dr. McPhee's first year on campus he took full advantage of being able to talk to as many students as possible.

Opposite Page, Middle: Sophomore Chris Wein helps freshmen and their parents move necessities from vehicles to the Cummings lobby. Students began to move into the dorms on Friday, Aug. 17, and didn't stop arriving until late Sunday night.

Opposite Page, Bottom: MTSU soccer players, along with a large portion of the student body, enjoyed the president's picnic.

photos by Matthew H. Starling

SHARP

MTSU SOCCER
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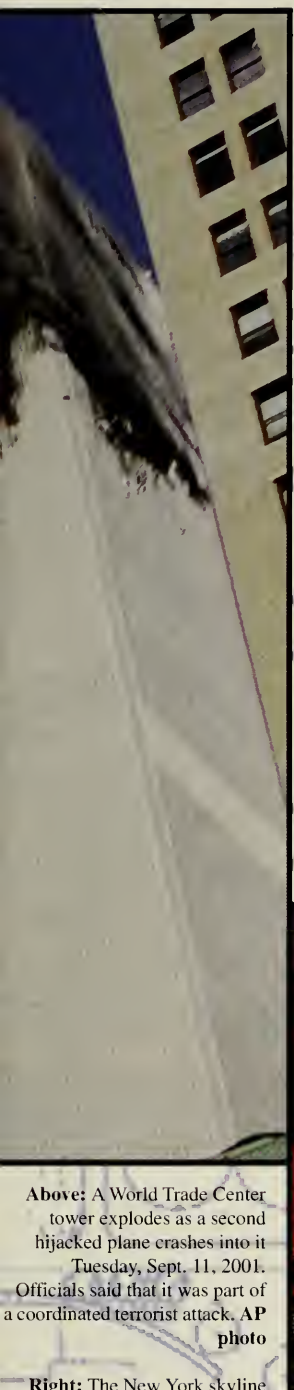
Early Tuesday morning, just as most of the campus population was on its way to 8 o'clock class, a tragedy struck the heart of the nation. Sept. 11 will forever remain a black day in our generation's memories. Students found out in the middle of class, on the way to and from class, and on their TVs and radios that two commercial planes had been hijacked and flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Residence hall lobbies stayed jammed with concerned students watching the complete coverage on big-screen TVs. News of the crash into the Pentagon made its way around campus and most professors cancelled classes for the entire day. Students all over felt for the first time what it was like to live through a tragedy that not only affected each individual, but the country as a whole. Some cried, some prayed, some stared in disbelief into the pixels of the television screen, wondering whether that plane that crashed outside of Pittsburgh was really meant for the capitol. In the days afterward, the campus came together against all odds -- just as the nation did -- to support each other, the victims, the military and the United States. Prayer and memorial services were held, flags appeared on poles and cars and on dorm room doors. People walked slowly to class, often gazing at the unusual sight of the American flag flying at half mast. Above all, we stood tall. ⌘



Timeline of Terror

information taken from www.cnn.com

8:45 a.m. (all times are EDT): Hijackers take over American Airlines Flight 11, out of Boston, Mass. and crash into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

9:03 a.m.: Hijackers take over United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston and crash into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

9:30 a.m.: President Bush, speaking in Sarasota, Fl., says that it is an "apparent terrorist attack."

9:40 a.m.: For the first time in U.S. history, the FAA halts all flight operations in the U.S.

9:43 a.m.: Hijackers on American Airlines Flight 77, crash into the Pentagon.

9:45 a.m.: Officials evacuate the White House.

10:05 a.m.: The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

10:10 a.m.: A portion of the Pentagon collapses.

10:10 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93, crashes in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, southeast of Pittsburgh.

10:28 a.m.: The World Trade Center's north tower collapses.

12:30 p.m.: The FAA states that 50 flights are in U.S. airspace, but none report any problems.

1:04 p.m.: Bush, speaking from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, says that all appropriate security measures are being taken, including putting the U.S. military on high alert worldwide. He requests prayers for those killed or wounded in the attacks and says, "Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

1:27 p.m.: Washington, D.C. declares a state of emergency.

2 p.m.: Senior FBI sources state they are working on the assumption that the four airplanes that crashed were hijacked as part of a terrorist attack.

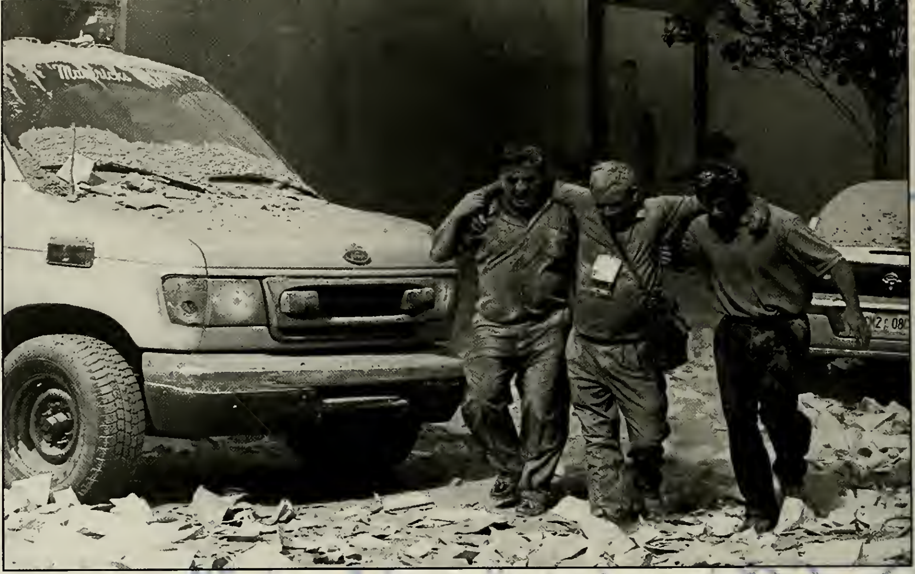
2:30 p.m.: The FAA announces there will be no U.S. commercial air traffic until noon EDT Wednesday at the earliest.

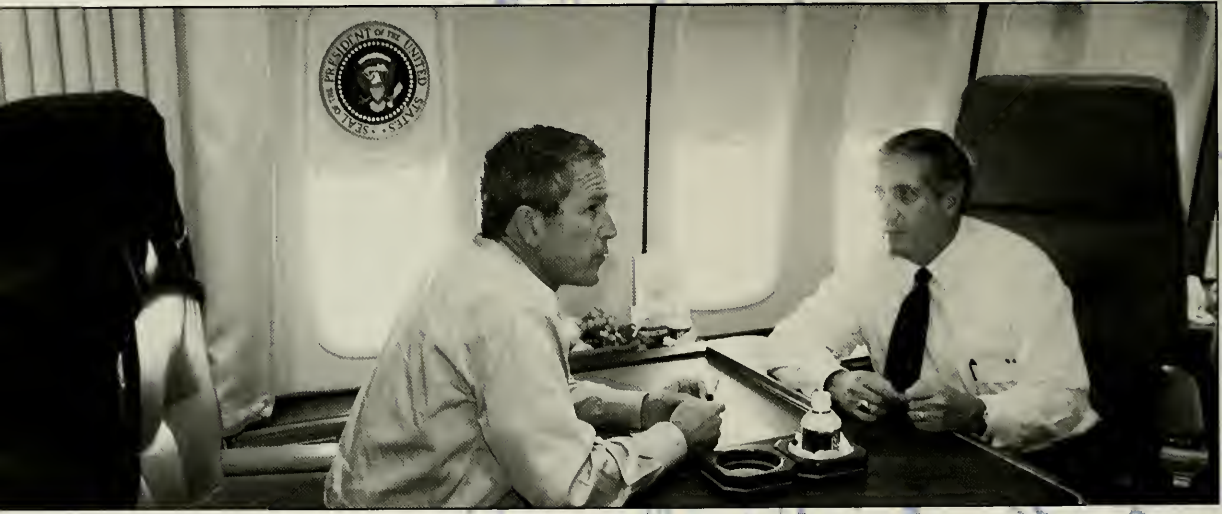
Above: A World Trade Center tower explodes as a second hijacked plane crashes into it Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001. Officials said that it was part of a coordinated terrorist attack. **AP photo**

Right: The New York skyline before the destruction that occurred due to the terrorist attack on Tuesday morning. **AP photo**

Right: People leave the area near the World Trade Center in New York on Tuesday, Sept. 11. In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the WTC in a deadly series of blows Tuesday that brought down the twin 110-story towers. **AP photo**

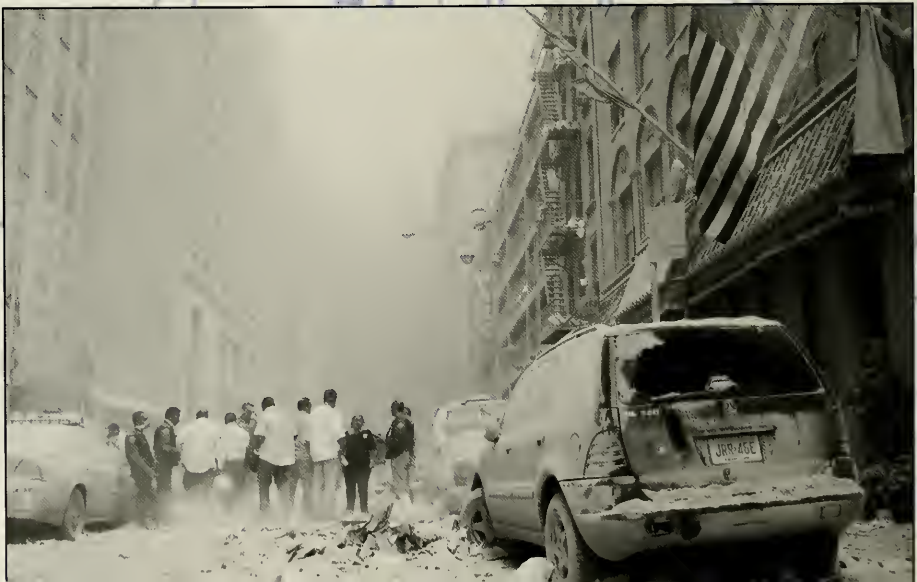
Opposite Page: Firefighters make their way through the rubble after terrorists used the kamikaze style of attack, made known during WWII, to bring down the landmark buildings. **AP photo**





Above: President Bush talks with Chief of Staff, Andrew Card, aboard Air Force One during a flight to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Neb., following the president's statement about the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, Tuesday. **AP photo**

Right: Dust and debris cloud the air near the site of the terrorist attack on the WTC in New York. **AP photo**



2:49 p.m.: At a news conference, Giuliani says, when asked about the number of people killed, "I don't think we want to speculate about that — more than any of us can bear."
4 p.m: U.S. officials say there are "good indications" that Saudi militant Osama bin Laden, suspected of coordinating the bombings of two U.S. embassies in 1998, is involved in the attacks, based on "new and specific" information developed since the attacks.
4:10 p.m.: Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex is reported to be on fire.
5:20 p.m.: The 47-story Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex collapses.
5:30 p.m.: U.S. officials state the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania could have been headed for one of three possible targets: Camp David, the White House or the U.S. Capitol building.
6 p.m.: Explosions are heard in Kabul, Afghanistan. The attacks occurr at 2:30 a.m. local time. Afghanistan is where U.S. officials believe bin Laden is located. U.S. officials state later that the United States has no involvement in the incident whatsoever. The attack is credited to the Northern Alliance, a group fighting the Taliban in the country's ongoing civil war.
7:45 p.m.: The New York Police Department releases information that at least 78 officers are missing. The city also states that as many as half of the first 400 firefighters on the scene were killed.
8:30 p.m.: President Bush addresses the nation, saying "thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil" and asks for prayers for the families and friends of Tuesday's victims. He says, "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." The president explains that the U.S. government will "make no distinction between the terrorists who committed the acts and those who harbor them." He adds that government offices in Washington would be reopening for essential personnel Tuesday night and for all workers Wednesday.
10:49 p.m.: Attorney General John Ashcroft informs members of Congress that there were three to five hijackers on each plane armed only with box cutters. ⌘

Above: Flags fly at half-staff at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. as a large cloud of smoke billows from a fire at the World Trade Center in New York. In one of the most devastating attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the WTC in a closely timed series of blows that brought down the twin towers. **AP photo**

Right: The Pentagon is lit up as firefighters continue to work the scene where the building took a direct hit by an airplane in a terrorist attack Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, in Washington, D.C. **AP photo**

UNITED

We Stand

Above: Rachel Cox leads a group of students in prayer on The Knoll Wednesday after the attack. Several students were personally affected by the crashes, including a student whose brother-in-law worked on the 104th floor of one of the towers. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Left: Mully Cullen and Jennifer Brown-Smith tie ribbons and American flags to sign posts as a memorial to those lost in the attacks. President Bush declared Friday, Sept. 14, a national day of remembrance for the victims and their families. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Above: A week after the terrorist attack on the U.S., MTSU students turned out in record numbers to donate blood at the MTSU School of Nursing on Monday. Jeff Fahner, a senior, is a student as well as a National Guardsman. People were being turned away because so many wanted to do their part. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Below: Standing on The Knoll, students hold hands as they pray for unity on the day after the attacks. Numerous Americans turned toward God and religion during the time following the attacks. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Opposite Page: Firefighters raise a flag at the World Trade Center in New Tork Tuesday, Sept. 11, as work at the site continues after hijackers crashed two airliners into the center. **AP Photo (*The Record*, Thomas E. Franklin)**

student life

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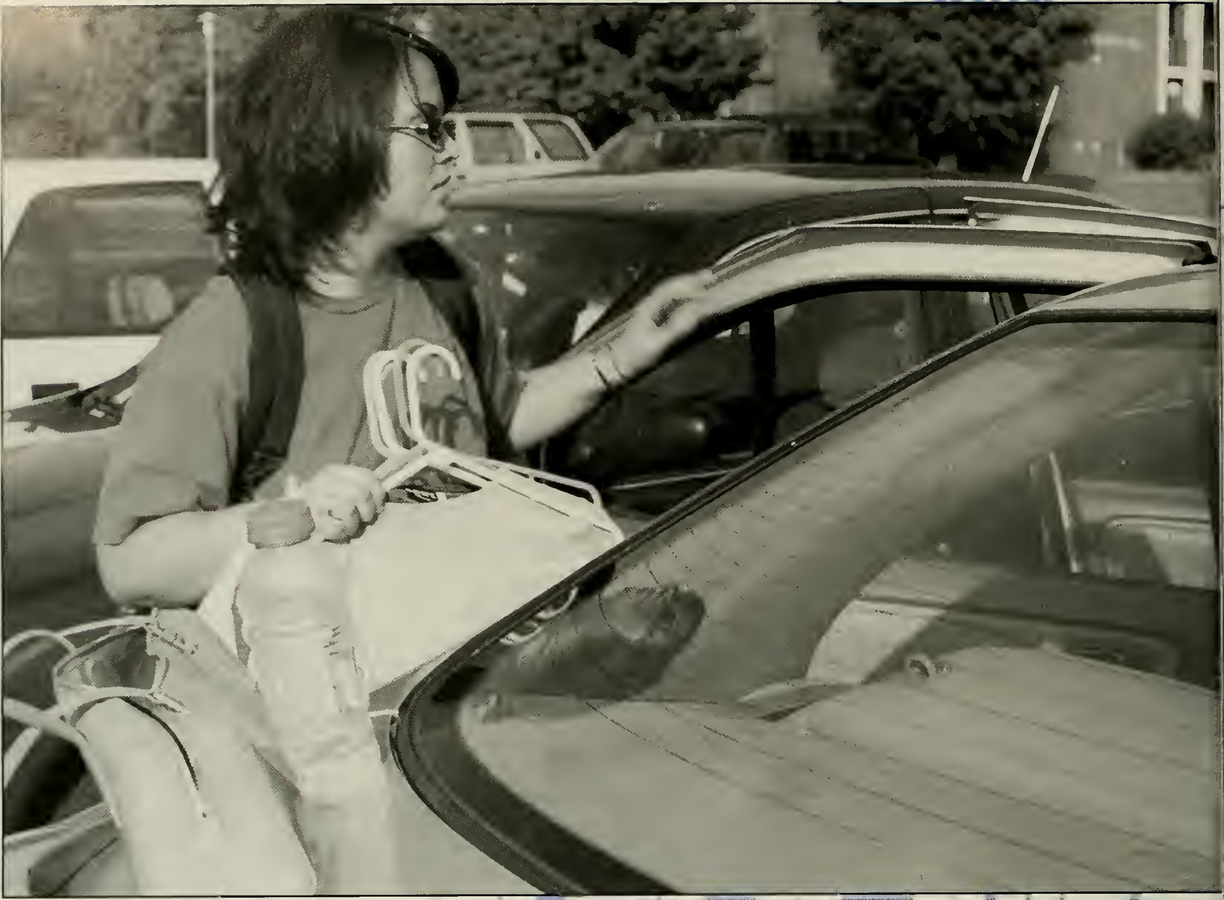
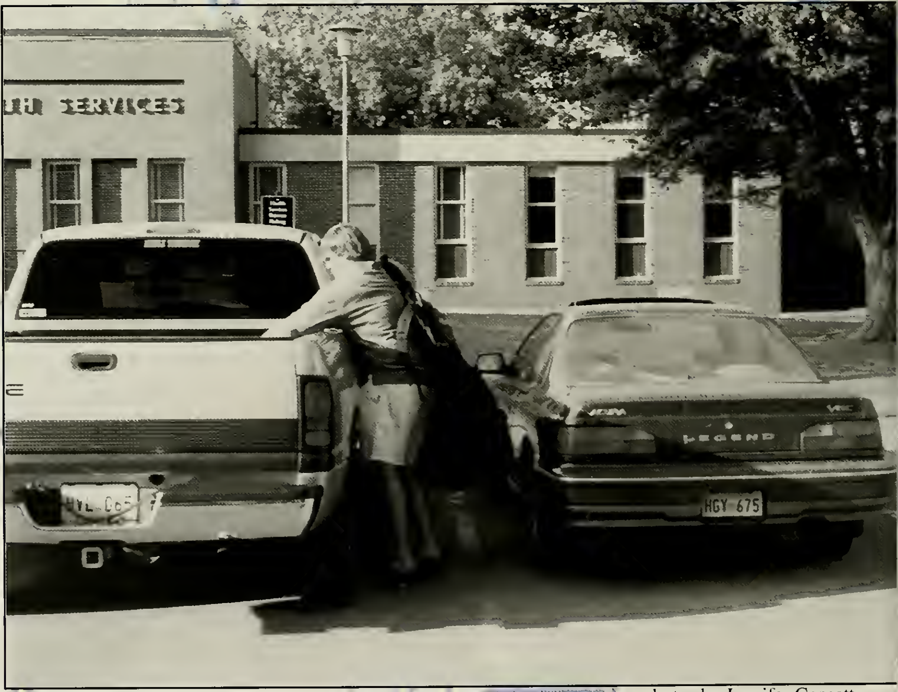




Above: Jessica Hall, of Nashville, prepares to go home on a sunny Friday afternoon. Even though she lives an hour away from her hometown, she likes to spend her weekends with old high school friends and family members instead of staying at school to play catch-up with homework assignments.

Right: Freshman McGuire Perkins returns to his dorm on a Sunday afternoon after traveling from his hometown of Memphis. Parting with family and friends during the first year of college was a big issue for many first year students.

photos by Jennifer Cornett

Home for the WEEKEND

by Robert Evans

Going home throughout the year was something that numerous students living on campus did. Because they were required to share a room with someone they just met, many students opted to pack-up and head home.

The infamous first-year homesickness was also a primary reason students went home. Freshman Amy King decided to make the trip home so that she could "take a real shower." She also enjoyed the privacy of having her own room again, as well as getting a home cooked meal. Other students often just needed to recuperate from the studying during the week and spend time with family or old friends from high school.

Junior Kelly Stasiunas who is from Antioch, goes home because there "is never anything to do here in Murfreesboro." Efforts from campus staff were made in the past years to encourage students to stay on campus throughout the weekend. Campus plays, concerts and other recent additions like the Raider Rallies before football games were all tools that administrators used to keep students on campus.

Even the KUC Theater opened on the weekends. Eric Noble, chairman of the Films Committee reasoned that, "seeing a movie is something to do outside of the classroom. It's cheap and it takes up two hours of your time."

Even with these attempts to keep students on campus, other reasons may have affected why MTSU didn't have a campus life on weekends. According to the latest figures released by the university, over 15,000 students lived off campus while a paltry 3,400 lived on campus. In addition, almost 43 percent of the student body was non-traditional.

While the campus life never was full-blown like other schools, some people thought campus life was improving at MTSU. Even *Sidelines* opinion columist Patrick Chinnery believed that things were looking up when he wrote, "Our school is on its way to being a place where the cool kids hang out." ⌘

Above: After a weekend at home, Jessica Hall helps Nicks Hall resident Prent Martin unpack his car. The ritual of unpacking the car and putting away newly cleaned clothes was often thought of as a chore.

Left: A friend helps Dana Lowe (left), of Mt. Juliete, pack her car for the trip home. The weekend spent at home was not only for socialization but to wash dirty laundry accumulated through the week.

Girls Night Out

photos by Tanya Wright

by Tanya Wright

Weekends when students decided to stay in town instead of traveling home could become very boring. However, the city of Nashville, only an hour away, provided many entertainment alternatives. Such as on Sunday night, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m., when Stephanie Shade and Jaime Gill met at the ExxonTigermarket in downtown Nashville.

Just a few minutes later, the girls parked and decided to visit the Boots N More store. Becoming bored with trying on various outfits the girls were attracted to a horse and buggy on the streets outside.

A local art shop looked appealing as the girls window-shopped along their route to the downtown area. They stopped only for a few minutes, in Bill Brigg's Art, and looked at his paintings and talked to him for a few minutes. Although they were genuinely interested in his art, particularly Gill, they walked out empty-handed.

Once again on their trek for finding fun and excitement, the girls stopped only a short time at Sbarro to buy a coke and play video games inside. Less than a minute later, the video game was over and they had lost pathetically.

A quarter after 6 p.m., the girls, thought they had finally found their venue to a good time. They stepped into Legends Corner to listen to a live country band. With Gill's smile and suggestive glances, the waiter came over to the girls' table and asked for a dance. Because Gill and Mark-the-waiter were the only people dancing to the slow, crooning music, the attention and body language were priceless.

After the Hottie Encounter (a.k.a. Mark), the girls went to the Legends gift shop next door and played with the merchandise and life-size Elvis stand-up.

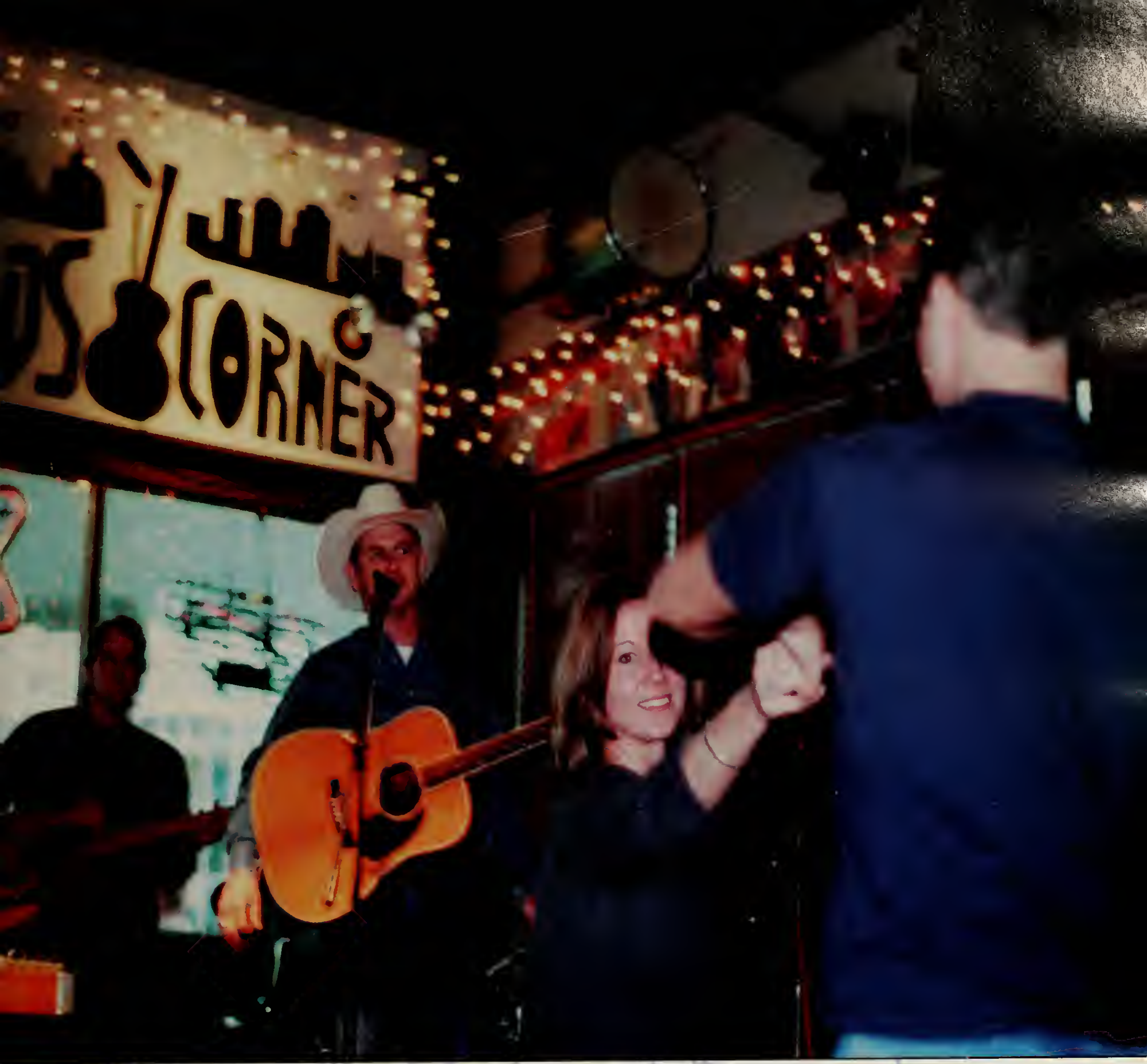
Becoming tired of trying on Davy Crockett hats, the girls went to Tootsies, a local bar, where another live band was performing. Only one song was tolerated before the girls went up the stairs to an empty room with an empty stage. The girls decided to put on a show of their own, they traded up singing and playing drums until the reality of not having an audience and a disgruntled-looking waiter kicked in. They decided to find action elsewhere.

The girls walked further down the sidewalk, where they saw the sign "Free Pool" so they went inside to play a game of pool against a couple whom obviously had more skill. After losing numerous games they decided to head back to Sbarro and then toward home.

They sat outside of Sbarro for a short time. When they were just about to leave a guy walked across the road and approached them with a glo-stick in his mouth. They went inside the restaurant and each purchased push-up pops while they made small talk. Growing tired from the events of the night and lack of sleep through the school week the girls decided it was time to head home to Murfreesboro. ⌘

Left: Stopping by Sbarro for the first time during the night, Shade and Gill each purchase beverages before their night of events starts. While there they decided to try their luck at an arcade game, but left only minutes later disappointed at their loss.

Right: Gill takes the time to concentrate and visualize getting the pool ball in the corner pocket at a free pool night at Graham Central Station. Despite all the efforts both girls put into the game they lost to a much older and experienced couple.



Above: Dancing to a twangy country tune, Mark-the-waiter takes time from waiting tables and taking meal orders to dance with Gill. Even though they only talked for a few minutes they are planning to remain in touch.

Right: Disliking Tootsies taste in their live band choice, Gill and Shade opt to make their own music on the deserted second floor band stand. The girls sang various favorites such as "Downtown," among others, until a waiter persuaded them to leave or go back downstairs.

photos by Andy Alexander

The Collection
CAUTION
KIDS AT PLAY

by Brandon Morrison

The weekend's fast approaching, and your paycheck doesn't come in for another week. You want to find something (anything!) to do this weekend, but all you have is a few dollars and not enough gas to get out of town. With a little creativity and a few dollars of loose change, anybody can have fun in Murfreesboro on the weekend. To prove this, I took a couple of friends of mine, TJ Richards and Steven Molyneux, to have a night out on the town with as little money as possible.

First stop was Sebastian's, a small bar located on North Maple Street on the Square. Sebastian's hosts performances of local bands on weekend nights. Every now and then, they host "Battle of the Bands," a competition where bands compete for audience attention and a small cash prize.

Next stop: Digital Planet. Digital Planet is a small CD shop on West Lytle Street north of the Square. It has a huge assortment of CDs, cassette tapes, 8-tracks, vinyl records, videocassettes, and video games. Because everything in the store is used, buying CDs won't tear into your checkbook as much as buying them new. We spent an hour looking at vinyl record cover art. Despite the rundown look from the outside, Digital Planet is the coolest way to kill an hour or two looking at CDs.

After the shopping run, we left in search of food. We found it at Sonic on North West Broad Street. Sonic offers MTSU students a 20 percent discount with a school ID. "It was convenient. It rocked my socks off," Richards commented.

Finally, we went over to some stores in the Stones River Mall area to see what we could do. Trying to keep up a mature college student image, we ended up crawling around the Chick-Fil-A playground and entering a coloring contest

Guys Night Out

at the Toys-R-Us next door. After getting kicked out of these stores, we went back to our dorms.

That was the end of our night, but what else can you do on the weekends? Greek Row seems to never sleep over the weekends. If you're trying to keep the freshman fifteen off, try going to the student Recreation Center. You can play basketball, go swimming, or go rock climbing for free. If worse comes to worst, you can always try studying.

Right. ⌘

Above: Located conveniently minutes from campus, Digital Planet provides up-to-date music at a low, affordable price. During the guys' night out on the town, a poster of Ace Ventura 2 is purchased for a meager $4 when at a retail store it could have cost almost double the amount.

Left: After revisiting their childhood days on the playground of Chick-Fil-A, Brandon, TJ and Steven decide to get creative in a coloring contest at Toys-R-Us. However, hyper activity left over from the playground helped to get the guys removed from the store before they had finished their masterpieces.

Below: Stopping to get something to eat is always on the agenda when having a night out. Three Sonics were only minutes away from campus and local apartments and made affordable through a discount rate available to college students. All three guys were able to eat for a little over $10 total.

Left: The Baha Men, made famous by their song "Who Let the Dogs Out," performs the at the seasons first Raider Rally before the Vandy game. MTSU mascot, Lightning, dances to the beat of a style of music called Junkanoo. This style of music goes back to the days of slavery, when slaves were only allowed to play their music in public during the Christmas holiday. **photo by Rebecca Pickering**

Gettin' Down

compiled by Jennifer Neas

Campus life was not all homework, books, and exams. Student Activities Programming brought various performers onto campus to entertain the student population, as well as the surrounding community.

One of the main entertainers who was invited back from last year's guests was Hypnotist Dale K. Standing on The Knoll of the Keathley University Center on a Friday evening, Dale K. put approximately 25 students under his "spell." Mimi Thomas, coordinator of Student Activities, explained that Dale K. was invited back this year because, "the students loved him last year and they make the decision of who comes."

Other popular entertainers included the awarding winning Baha Men. Opening the season's first Raider Rally, the Baha Men sang the football team's theme song, "Who Let the Dogs Out," among others.

Another notorious personality who graced the campus one Friday evening was *Saturday Night Live* comedian Darrell Hammond. Captivating an estimated 500 students, Hammond performed at the Murphy Center for almost two hours.

Karrie Painter, a freshman majoring in psychology, expressed her feelings on the various performers by saying, "They're able to bring in someone you would never expect to see at MTSU." ⌘

Below: Dale K's "pawns" obey his orders by sleeping on each other, smacking bugs off of clothing and licking milk off one another like they were cows. Performer of 10 years, Dale K. enrolled in a hypnotherapy school after becoming frustrated over high school. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Right: Darrell Hammond amuses MTSU students while making fun of U.S. societal problems, research in relation with President Bush, and global affairs and concerns. Philip Weaver, a junior, added that "it was really interesting to see his characters from the show in person." **photo by Kristy Dalrymple**

on Campus

CINEMA ON CAMPUS

by Courtney Huckabay and Jennifer Neas

During the long weekends, when there is nothing left to do except homework, students liked the extra distraction of the campus movie theater, located in the KUC. Whether it was to take a break from homework, getting away from the overall stress of college, or spending a few minutes apart from that annoying roommate, students chose to view full-length feature films provided by the MTSU Films Committee.

Selections ran the gamut of adventure, independent films, drama, comedy, horror, musicals, animation, science fiction, classics, and the current releases from big league movie producers. Senior Eric Noble, chairman of the Films Committee, estimated that the most popular film genre with the students at MTSU would have to be comedy.

"Our biggest turn outs have been for *The Matrix* and *O' Brother Where Art Thou?* which had 500 total last spring (2001)," Noble said.

Tickets at the low, college-student-friendly price of $2, went on sale 30 minutes before the showing time and were only good for that show. Ticket sales were done through the ticket booth that was adjacent to the second floor lounge and the theater entrance, which was directly across the hall from the lounge.

Noble said that money has gone to help make improvements to the theater, such as an upgrade in the sound system to Dolby Prologic surround sound. They hope to start showing films in DVD format soon.

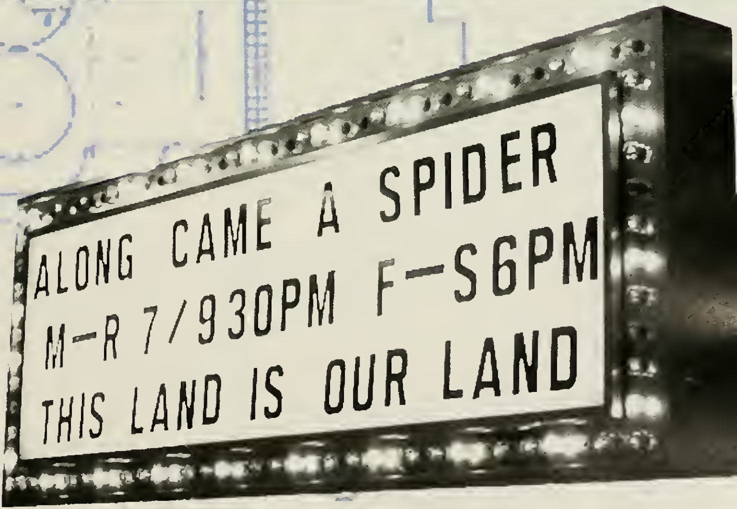
The second-run movies that were shown shortly before they were released on video were selected by the students on the Films Committee.

In the spring of 2001 the theater began to show movies on the weekend. This trend carried over to the current school year giving students something to do during the weekends and possibly a reason to stay on campus. ⌘

Above: Brad Keaton looks past the projector, waiting for the movie to end so that he can rewind the film before the next showing. Employees of the movie theater were trained before they were allowed to handle the reel and equipment for all jobs. **photo by Jennifer Cornett**

Left: During the week of September 24 thru 29, *Along Came a Spider*, starring Morgan Freeman, was the feature shown in the KUC Theater. **photo by Jennifer Cornett**

Right: The Keathley University Center marquee presents the movie of the week throughout the week that it is showing, while the bulletin board tells movie choices a month in advance. **photo by Robert Evans**



by Charlene Callier

Rowdy Raiders. Fireworks. The president's picnic. These were all part of MTSU campus traditions that encouraged school spirit among students, along with a chance to meet new friends.

The president's picnic was one of the oldest traditions, created the first year of James E. Walker's term as MTSU's president, in 1991.

"It was originally created for freshmen, to introduce them to MTSU but it has grown since then," said Mimi Thomas, assistant director of Student Programming.

Thomas said that Walker wanted to start an event at the beginning of the semester where they could invite freshmen to meet him and his wife and introduce them to the school.

The picnic provided entertainment, games, and food for the students along with an introduction to some sports teams, the Band of Blue and the cheerleaders

The growth of the picnic during the years moved it from the initial location of the president's lawn to the area between Cope and Peck Hall.

A recent tradition that was started in Fall 2000 were the Rowdy Raiders, established to encourage students to attend games and increase school spirit and athletic of students who gathered before the ga dressed in blue with painted faces and le football team on the field and helped lea crowds with cheers.

Another tradition that was started at foo games was when the ROTC cadets perfo push-ups each time the Raiders football scored a touchdown.

"In support of the team after they score cadets would do the same amount of push as the score," said Major Chuck Tilton.

Campus traditions were the link between generation of students to keep the spirit o school alive. ⌘

Campus Traditions

Above: Rowdy Raiders go to great lengths to pump-up the crowds enthusiasim. Combined with Raider Rallies, school spirit has greatly increased along with support for the sports teams and department. **photo provided by *Sidelines* File**

Top Corner: Fireworks have long been a tradition for the July 4th festivities on campus and off. Administrators set aside a time and place yearly for this function during the summer semester. **photo by Pat Cagney**

Bottom Corner: The president's picnic has been widely attended for the past few years. It gives the student body a chance to meet and greet among themselves as well as with the president of the university. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Computer Dependent

The Age of Technology Literate Students

by Tiffini Johnson

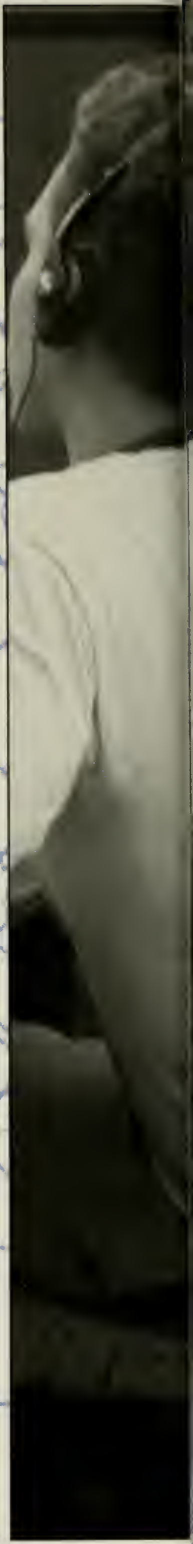
In today's world of fast and ever-changing technology, perhaps the most addictive and time-consuming pastime appeared to be the Internet. Most of us would admit to having spent at least a few hours a week on the Net, but what about those people who were always on the Internet? What did they spend all of that time doing? What made it so addictive? And how much time did they really spend on the Net?

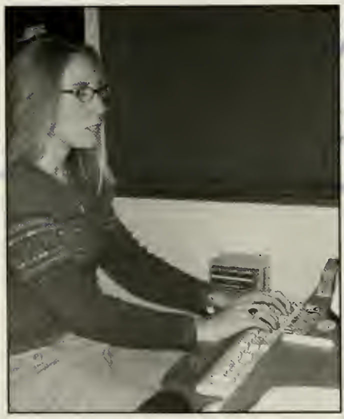
MTSU's library always was packed with students who migrated to the computer lab frequently. Junior, April Jackson, when asked how many hours a week she's online, couldn't give a definite time. But when asked how many hours a day she would spend online, she answered, "I'm online at least six hours a day." When asked what she did, she said, "Anything. Play games, check E-mail, do research for papers."

E-mail tended to be a popular answer; it was the same one that MTSU sophomore Ashley used when asked what she did for the six to 10 hours a weeks she's online. As yet another "Internet addict," Matthew Young, who would spend an average of 11 hours a week online, explained, "It's just a lot simpler to communicate via E-mail than any other outlet, and you can connect with thousands of people all over the world. You can't do that in 'real time.'"

Apparently, college students were becoming addicted to the Internet because it allowed them to communicate with others quickly and effectively. A safe wager would be that we all wanted quick and effective communication.

So whenever you're in the library again, take a look around and see which faces look familiar, which ones you have seen there a lot...and you might ask yourself, "Exactly how many hours do I spend online?" ⌘





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Opposite Page, Left: Many students like senior Leslie Aley enjoy the convenience of Ethernet in residence halls. Ethernet cards could be purchased at Phillips Bookstore for $15 each, other area supply stores also provided the essentials to connecting to the Internet.

Opposite Page, Right: Taking a break from researching a paper, this junior plays an online game in the library's computer lab. The computer lab, located on the first floor of the library, was strictly supposed to be used for educational purposes only. However, some students chose to break the rules from time to time.

Left: Students take over the library late on a Wednesday night to search for articles to help them in their classes. The library provided many professional journals and other research elements for the research papers and abstracts that students always seemed to be writing.

Below: Ethernet outlets deliver a world to the students' fingertips. Ethernet could be found in dorms such as, Smith, Cummings, Womack Lane, Scarlett Commons and Wood/Felder.

Above: The youngest member of the band, Jeremy, was auditioned with 100 drummers after OLP's original drummer left. He was 17 at the time he was accepted into the band.

Right: Crowds packed into Tucker Theatre for the 8 p.m. performance of Our Lady Peace, part of a day-long CTN Music Binge.

Opposite Page: Mike can be considered the 'veteran' of the band because he is the oldest member and because he has been playing in bands for a longer time than the other members.

Our Lady Peace

by Robert Evans

As the early morning snow swirled around it looked as if the College Television Network's "Music Binge Tour" would be in jeopardy.

Although the snow did not stick, the temperatures the rest of the day remained in the low 40s with a stiff wind deterring even the hardiest of students from staying out too long between classes.

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>
> -Tico Parsons

But the folks at Student Programming had a back up plan and the show went on. The consumer fair scheduled to be on The Knoll throughout the day was moved inside the KUC up to the second floor just outside The Grill.

The main attraction was a little more difficult to find as the venue had changed from The Knoll to Tucker Theatre on short notice. Many people, namely those who didn't attend MTSU, could be seen wandering around the campus looking for the infamous Knoll and wondering where they were hearing the music come from.

Once inside Tucker Theatre things began to warm up with the opening band The Shelia Divine. This group of guys from Boston, who stressed that they were an "independent" band, had a hard time getting the crowd in the mood at the beginning of their set. It was only when they took a short break between songs did their attitude come out.

When one audience member suggested that they were ripping off the Barenaked Ladies, and that they were selling out, a member of the band replied, "right, we're selling out for 250

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bucks a night," and the band became animated from then on. It was just the life the crowd needed to get up out of the seats and to the small space up front.

After The Sheila Divine left the stage the house lights came up and everyone searched for what they thought to be the best vantage point. The seats near the front of Tucker Theatre proved to be a problem, as many people wanted to go up there. Others were just as happy disregarding rock show etiquette to remain seated.

As Our Lady Peace took the stage a wave rose from the front as each successive row stood up because the one in front of them did. There would be no sitting down for this show.

Some would say the great thing about Our Lady Peace is that because they are a more mainstream band they draw in a more eclectic crowd. There were no problems with this as the crowd sang along to favorites such as "Superman's Dead," "Clumsy," and songs off their new album *Spiritual Machines*, during the one and a half-hour show. Instead of doing an encore the band felt like just playing on. For many people their favorite part of the show was when the band played "The Wonderful Future." "I just liked it when he got the audience involved in the singing," said Eve Anderson, who claimed a friend has a personal connection with the band as the lead singer's cousin.

Others were just enthusiastic to see the band and a little opportunistic at the same time. "These guys are really good, and I just want to meet them," said Tico Parsons who also happened to throw a demo of his band up on stage for bassist to pick up. ⌘

Opposite Page: Raine is the lead singer as well as one of the founding members of Our Lady Peace. He, along with Mike, were the two original band members.

Below: Raine, the father of the band, has always been interested in music and starting a band. He dropped out of Ridley College a few months shy of graduation to start a career as a musician.

Traveling Wall Connects Generations

by Nick Peay

With the weight of the terrorist attacks still heavy on my mind and heart, I looked at the names on the Vietnam Memorial replica. I thought about how, in 20 years, I might be looking at a wall, much the same, which lists the names of the people who died on Tuesday, Sept. 11, as a result of the terrorist attack on America.

Above: The POW / MIA flag flew high over the Vietnam Memorial Wall which is an 80 percent scale replica of the original wall in Washington D.C.

A line on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall states, "The price of freedom is written on this wall." Many of the headlines that we've read in the last few weeks - such as "terrorists attack freedom," among many others - are chilling evidence that many more people have paid the price of freedom. How many more walls must we erect, and how many names must we list to pay that price in full?

On Sunday night, Sept. 16, I walked with my neighbor, Nicole, and her 2-year-old son, Skylor, toward the large black POW/MIA flag that was flying It seemed to be a long walk because both Nicole and I knew how sad this next hour or so would be. Skylor must have felt that, too, because he kept saying, "I won't be scared, Mommy."

One of Nicole's cousins had died in battle during the Vietnam War and she wanted to make a rubbing of his name. We approached the tent near the memorial wall, where three computers were set up to aid visitors in pinpointing the locations of names on the traveling tribute. Nicole told the name of her cousin to the volunteer manning the computer. He told her exactly where the name was located, then gave her some paper and a pencil to make a rubbing.

We walked to the wall and found her cousin's name near the bottom of plate 52W. Nicole knelt down to make the rubbing, as I hefted Skylor into my arms.

"What's Mommy doing?" Sky asked.

I answered simply, "She's making a drawing of her cousin's name."

"Why?" he asked.

His last query was something that I had not been prepared to answer. How do you explain to a 2-year-old what war is and why people have to die? How can you explain the carnage that was an end result of the Vietnam War?

How can you explain the senseless loss of lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard a commercial U.S. jetliner that crashed in Pennsylvania? How do I tell a little boy that, in 20 years, he may have to look at a wall with my name on it?

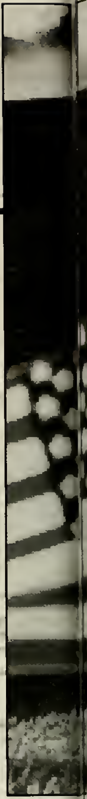
These were questions to which I did not know the answers.

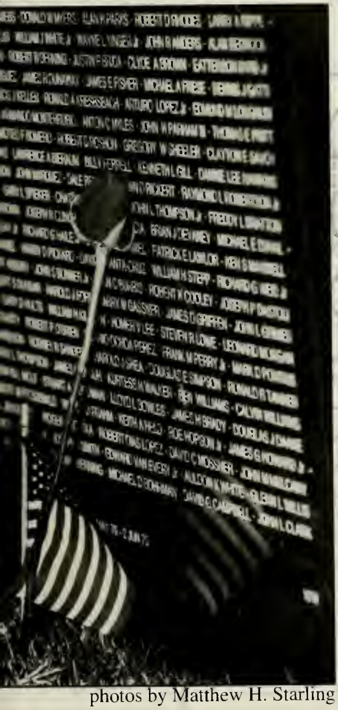
Later, we walked back to the tent to return the pencils we'd borrowed. While there, we spoke with a man named Gary, who was an Outrider for Christ, a Christian motorcycle group, and an AVTT volunteer.

"You don't think about outliving your children, do you? You don't think that you're going to have to bury them," Gary said. "It's something that we're not made to deal with."

Gary went on to say that he tried to help people by bringing them to Christ because, "He picks us back up, dusts us off and says, 'Be careful next time.'"

There is no tomorrow, however, for those who lost their lives in Vietnam and in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. And from where I stand today, the price of freedom overwhelms me. ⌘





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Top: Sean Mayeux, a senior at MTSU, spends part of his Friday afternoon in silence reading the names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall. He said he was going to try to read as many or all of the names out of respect. "It is the least I can do," he explained.

Left: A rose and a flag rest against the Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica Saturday, Sept. 15. The replica makes its way around the nation giving veterans, family members and friends a chance to pay respect to those who lost their lives in service to the nation.

Above: Visitors pay their respects during a candlelight vigil Saturday night on Sept. 15. Under the night sky, members of the ROTC read the names of Tennessee Vietnam Veterans aloud, county by county until all were accounted for.

Customs 2001

by Brandon Morrison

The sounds of road construction and early risers rang in the ears of hundreds of freshmen early one summer morning. The idea of the upcoming semester filled with the perils of registration, tests, notes and lectures runs through the student's minds.

These freshmen participated in CUSTOMS, the freshman orientation program at MTSU. CUSTOMS was designed to provide a smooth transition for students and parents into the MTSU environment by offering early registration for classes, the opportunity to learn their way around campus, tour the dorms, receive academic advising and get a glimpse at student life.

"I think that every incoming freshman should come to CUSTOMS," said Charles Lyons, one of the student coordinators of CUSTOMS.

"They meet their best friends and their peers, so when they come back to school, they see familiar faces," Lyons said.

When incoming students registered at CUSTOMS, they were divided into different groups which were named after countries. Each of the 22 countries had a Student Orientation Assistant that led the group.

The freshman orientations were two-day events. The first day of freshman orientation opened with a general assembly.

The freshmen then experience a simulated freshman year. "We do two 20-minute mock semesters of college life," Lyons said.

There was a 20-minute fall semester with a 5-minute winter break, and likewise there was a 20-minute spring semester with a 5-minute spring break.

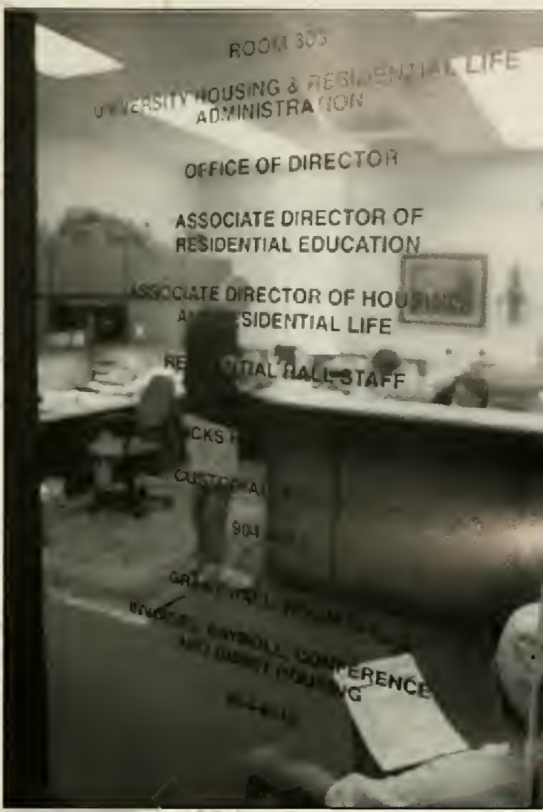
"It is kind of like a game because the freshmen have to set up academic, personal and social goals and then they go through the semester trying to achieve those goals," Lyons said. ⌘

Opposite Page, Top: Becca Wilson along with other Student Development staff members help register students during a CUSTOMS week in the summer of 2001. These staff members helped incoming freshmen who had problems enrolling into CUSTOMS for various reasons. Once students were checked into the CUSTOMS program they could begin to meet other students.

Opposite Page, Bottom: Director of Student Development, Gina Poff, emphasizes the importance of parking in the correct location and obtaining a parking permit from Parking Services. Parking guidelines were strict and numerous tickets were given throughout the year. Incoming freshmen were warned of the consequences of parking in the wrong spot.

Right: A student waits in Keathley University Center room 303 for a housing tour. The Housing and Residential Life office was often packed with students during the CUSTOMS weeks of summer with students who wanted to tour the dorms, made payments on deposits for dorms and turned in roommate requests.

Bottom: SOA Amanda Newman leads her group of incoming freshman through some ice-breaker games during a lull between conferences. Individuals were encouraged to get to know as many people as possible in and out of the group they belonged to. This was to ensure that when they came back to campus in the fall they would recognize some friendly faces.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Living

1910

1921

1910: Construction was completed on Rutledge Hall in 1910. The dorm for girls was later named in honor of the dormitory matron Elma Rutledge. It was built to house approximately 120 female students of the college.

1921: Jones Hall was named for the first Middle Tennessee Normal School president, Robert L. Jones. It was the first men's dormitory, which was constructed in 1921. Prior to that time, male students either commuted via horse and buggy or lived in one of the nearby houses, principally the Kittrell Home, a two-story house on East Main. Presently Jones Hall houses the education and psychology department.

1931: Built in 1931, the Science Hall, now known as Wiser Patten Science Building, had a large second floor reception hall with chandeliers and marble columns. It now houses labs and science classrooms, among various professors' offices.

1936: Landscaping was added during this era. The only buildings on campus were the president's home, Lyon Hall, Rutledge Hall, acafeteria, the Administration Building (KOM), Jones Hall, the Science Building and the library (center).

1940: The Civilian Pilot Training course began in June 1940 and within the first year a hangar was built. The goal was to provide students with preparatory training to flight and ground tests and licencsing. MTSU has grown since then to be widely known for its aerospace program.

late '40s, early '50s: The G.I. Bill at the end of WWII caused a tremendous growth of students. Attempting to meet housing needs, Congress, in 1946, gave $78 million to move buildings from military bases to college

1940

late '40s, early '50s

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Legacies

campuses. Middle Tennessee State College also received federal funds to erect small apartments for married veterans, their wives and children. This area of campus was commonly known as Vet Village. It had its own laundry house, a student-run grocery store, mayor, and a representative on the Associated Student Body.

1951: Completed in 1951, the Union Building was later renamed in 1978 to honor the first Dean of Students Clayton L. James. The building has served as the hub of student activity for over 20 years, currently a mini-food court is located on the first floor, the second floor contains a meeting room/ ballroom, the third floor houses the Student Publications Offices, the Philosophy department, plus classrooms and offices.

1962: The early IBM card reader, sorter and printer made registration and other administrative duties more efficent. The card reader also helped with the growth of the student population and the registration problems the college was having due to that growth. In order to become more competent, MTSC was organized into a system of schools in 1962. In 1991, the university's six schools became colleges. In 1998, the honors program became the first honors college in the state.

1970: The campus radio station, WMOT, was established in 1970. The genre of music has changed drastically over the years, with a hard rock format in the beginning, later switching to classical music and now it heavily emphasizes jazz. WMOT is now a National Public Radio station. The student run radio station is WMTS. Which plays all kinds of formats.

1970
ON THE AIR

1980s: The mascot that first symbolized MTSU was Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Around 1945, the university president Q.M. Smith instructed Public Relations Director Gene Sloan to begin using the figure in conjunction with the nickname Blue Raiders. During the mid-1970s the figure of General Forrest was abandoned due to sensitivity to African-American students. The "unofficial" mascot of a cartoon-like blue tick hound affectionatly known as Ole Blue was adopted in the 1980s. Since then, Lightning has taken over the position of the mascot.

1991: The 80,000 sq.ft John Bragg Mass Communication building was completed in 1991. It houses purpose-designed production facilities in recording industry and radio-television, plus computer labs for instruction in animation, graphics and elements of the print media. An initial capital and building expenditure of $14.5 million helped create this learning center.

1991
JOHN BRAGG
MASS COMMUNICATION BUILDING

2001: Construction began on the courtyard that would be centered between Bragg Mass Communications Building, the University Library and the Business and Aerospace Building in the spring 2001. It has continued into the new school year, where it is anticipated to be completed by spring 2002. This courtyard came from the remaining $1.4 million after the library was built. When completed the courtyard will feature several varieties of trees that will surround the university seal, as well as seating areas and plenty of lighting for receptions and other university functions.

Opposite page: On Sept. 8, the student on campus and the surrounding communit came together to celebrate the 90 years tha MTSU has existed. The birthday basl included music, food, trivia and plenty o birthday cake. **photo by Matthew H Starlin**

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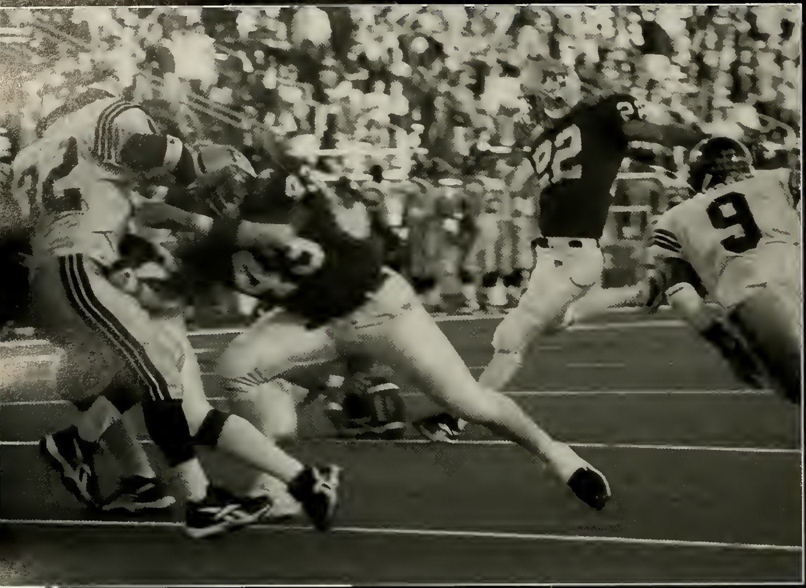

Left: Sophomore Brain Kelly, place kicker for the 2001 team, gained fifth place on Middle Tennessee's Points Scored by Kicking list. Earning eight points for the day bumped Kelly's career total to 124 career points.

Below: The Band of Blue proudly marches in the homecoming parade. Lasting a little over an hour, the parade began downtown on Main St. and completed its tour in front of Greenland Dr.

Opposite Page, Top: Sophomore punter Robert Billings practices his technique by kicking a football into the net. Billings, a walk-on, was put on full scholarship at the beginning of the 2001 fall semester.

Opposite Page, Bottom: Dwone Hicks celebrates one of his two touchdowns at the Arkansas State game with a victory dance in the end zone. At the homecoming game, Hicks totaled 15 carries for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

Homecoming Celebrations

by Tiffani Johnson

Fall always brings festivities of all kinds: Halloween, then Thanksgiving and before one knows it, Christmastime. At MTSU fall also brings about the homecoming game, an exciting pep rally and other activities that many of the students enjoy.

To get things off to an interesting start, MTSU students and faculty celebrated the arrival of Halloween with the annual Halloween costume party Oct. 31.

Jeremy, a sophomore who attended last year, said, "This year's costume party was much better than last year's and the costumes were much more creative."

Obviously, students were in celebratory moods, dressing as angels, devils, monsters and teddy bears on this occasion, but the festivities were just beginning.

After getting the week stated with the costume party, on Nov. 2 there was a homecoming pep rally that lasted for several hours. It was held in the Murphy Center, which gave the traditional pep rally a new atmosphere and feeling. The bleachers were packed and the crowd stayed to cheer on those groups that participated in the annual fight song competition.

Vicki Johnson, who has two daughters attending MTSU, said about the pep rally, "Wow, what a crowd!"

Indeed, it was quite a sight to see hundreds of people excited about the next evening's homecoming game against a SunBelt rival.

The morning of the game, there were people lined up along the streets with lawn chairs and coolers tailgating and waiting to get in the stadium. The infamous MTSU spirit had obviously spread to the faculty and Murfreesboro citizens.

That wasn't all for the activities. Before the game, there was the traditional pre-game barbeque, which drew 1000 people for food, games and children's activities. For even more fun, there was the Pigskin Pre-Game, the parade – which hosted many creative floats designed by different organizations – and of course, reunions for those who've graduated from MTSU.

The finale to the week's festivities took place when MTSU faced off against Arkansas State and won with a score of 54-6. Another highlight for many was the crowning of the king and queen. Shemieka Harris and Willie Nelson III were voted to represent the university by their peers this year.

"They were the best yet," said Andrew, a graduating senior about this year's activities. "I don't know if it was because everyone's ready to celebrate again after what's happened to our nation, or what, but this year's homecoming week rocked!" ⌘

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Eclectic Dance

photos by Matthew H. Starling

Left: Dancers run through a number, one of the few times that they will be able to practice it before the show. Only a week away from the production, dancers grew antsy and wanted to practice as much as possible to prevent any mistakes or mishaps.

eft: Alexandra Smith is held up by Dusty Evans for a rehearsal of a dance for e spring performance of "Eclectic Dance." The Dance Program at MTSU ut on two main performances yearly, along with various other smaller shows roughout each semester.

Above: Jasmine Cloud, Lori Hollandsworth and Kelly Stasiunas practice a dance choreographed by Amanda Oates. With a week left before production, dancers were a bit eager to work out the kinks in the numbers that they were in.

by Amanda Arthur

The MTSU Performing Arts Company howcased student talent in the spring 001 semester with a two-night performance at Tucker Theatre. To the casual bserver, the show seemed like a fun vening that the performers and audience njoy alike. But what they didn't see was he amount of hard work, dedication and haos that these dancers had lived with luring the past few months.

Preparation for the show started as arly as the first meeting of the semester. At these meetings, each student choreographer explained and auditioned their iece for the prespective dancers. Only alf of the pieces that were auditioned actually made it into the show. As soon as he choreographers knew if their dance vas in the show, they began to chose dancers and started rehearsing.

Dancers in the company could decide to be in up to six dances. These dances did not include the two company pieces. Dancers who were learning and performing eight dances tended to find they practiced five nights a week for two hours or more each night. Hard work and dedication were the deciding factors in how many numbers a dancer was in.

Practice continued all semester long and led up to the most chaotic and stressful night of all, dress rehearsal. Dress rehearsal took place the night before the show and lasted almost all night. The entire show was performed twice through, with occasional stops to fix lighting, spacing, movement and basically anything else one could imagine. Dancers brought an assortment of items to pass the time between numbers. Some brought food, others brought homework and still more brought pillows in hope of catching a quick nap during the course of the long night.

The backstage environment on show night was full of anticipation, excitement and half-dressed dancers hurrying to get changed before their next number. All of this nervous energy served to fuel these dancers through two exhausting hours of non-stop dance routines.

Regardless of how exhausting or tedious the entire process may be, this was exactly what these dancers lived for. Even after the second night of performing, the dancers were in no mood to stop and rest. Once the last dance had been performed and the last dancer had left the building, the work for next semester's show was already starting to begin; at least in the mind of every dancer. ⌘

Left: Cynthia (Brittany Childers) and Inspector Hound (Mack Williams) stumble upon the body of a man they have never met before in the performance of *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard. The performance featured the hard work of over fifty MTSU students.

Right: Felicity (Stephanie LaMura) and Simon (Troy Blackwood) argue during a bridge game. The two characters bicker because Simon left Felicity for Cynthia (Brittany Childers).

Below: Junior Heather Byrd applies eye make-up on Stephanie LaMura before the opening night production. Students who worked backstage were a vital part of the play, without them the production could not have happened.

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The Real Inspector Hound

by Brandon Morrison

Two hours before the performance, complete chaos ensued backstage. Cast members ran back and forth between the green room and the makeup rooms trying to get into character. Stage directors frantically paced back and forth making sure all the props were on stage. Sound designers ran through the soundtracks getting their sound cues ready. One of the performers could not find her cough drops to soothe her all too scratchy voice. For these theatre students, it's just another day on the job.

The department puts on five performances a year. The fall 2001's performance was *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard on Oct. 4-5 and 9-13. Tom Stoppard also co-wrote *Shakespeare in Love* and the play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead.*

The Real Inspector Hound was a twisted tale of two theatre critics watching a small production of a murder mystery. The two argued throughout the play over life, politics and lost love. In the end, the two critics ended up becoming forever intertwined into the play.

Brittany Childers played Cynthia, a widow who lives in a large, secluded mansion. *The Real Inspector Hound* was her first play performance at MTSU. She transfered here from Lee University. She chose MTSU because of the theatre department.

"I love the facilities here. They're stacked!" Overall, she has enjoyed her time here at MTSU. "I love performing. It lets me get to know people that I wouldn't ordinarily get to know."

Also in the performance, Mack Williams played Inspector Hound, a partially insane police detective who is on the hunt for a criminally insane madman. He has been in two other performances at MTSU. Williams benefited from his costume, which looked like it was thrown together haphazardly in fifteen minutes with an umbrella hat and two inner tubes on the bottom of his shoes.

"Inspector Hound is a great character to play. When I got the script, I wanted to play him as a straight-laced detective until I saw the costume. The way the costume looks, I could read the phonebook and still be funny."

Not everybody who worked hard in the department performed onstage. Molly Cullen worked as the assistant wardrobe manager for the performance. She's also worked as a dresser and a makeup technician. At the time she was a senior at MTSU. To prepare for the play, she and the Introduction to Costumes class spent almost two months planning the designs and making the costumes. ⌘

Art of Kissing

by Jennifer Neas

Students crowded on The Knoll Thursday, February 8, to meet the man who would instruct them on the fine art of kissing. Many volunteered to be paired up with someone they didn't know so they could demonstrate techniques that were wrote about in William Cane's *The Art of Kissing*. In this work Cane discussed the 25 different types of kisses, along with the meanings of several of the kisses. This book has currently been translated into 17 different languages and is sold in 19 countries around the world.

This demonstration was sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee of Student Programming.

Cane's message was simple: kissing is good. It is important. And most people would like more of it.

Cane chose only student volunteers that signed up before the event and met with Cane to rehearse the various types of kisses. Volunteers received a $20 gift certificate from Phillips Bookstore, along with learning and perfecting some of their kissing skills.

On of the first demonstrations that Cane led the students through was having the female volunteers stand behind their seated male partners and pretend to cut their hair, then the females moved in for the inevitable kiss.

After a couple of demonstrations of the different ways to kiss, Cane asked the women in the crowd, "What do you like the most about kissing?"

Most of the answers that he received back from the crowd was that they liked "Breathing in someone else's space. Sharing the essence of life which is air."

When he inquired to what the men liked about kissing, instead of letting them answer he hurriedly said for them, "A violent, wet mouth."

Following the brief question and answer session, Cane demonstrated different uses for the nose and eyelashes. Cane later described the kiss as "some of the pleasures of eating without the nourishment." Throughout this time The Knoll was crossed by many latecomers who appeared to be confused as to why a line of kissing couples was the attraction of the day.

When the demonstrations were over the audience voted for their favorite pair of kissers. The winners, Lindsey Keen and Adam Bartholomew, were awarded tickets to the upcoming Widespread Panic concert on campus.⌘

The Art of Kissing
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Left: Wanna be Cassanovas try to impress with a reckless abandon of passionate kissing. The fact that students had to perfect their kissing abilities in front of numerous classmates did not have an effect on their performance.

Bottom: Total strangers anticipate the demonstration portion of the seminar in front of a couple hundred students during the Art of Kissing on The Knoll. Once the show got underway, participants forgot that they were in front of a captive audience.

Very Bottom: Sophomore Matt Thompson and Bethany Pettit follow instructions given by William Cane. Participants had to sign up before the show to have a chance at winning tickets to the Widespread Panic concert as well as perfecting their kissing skills.

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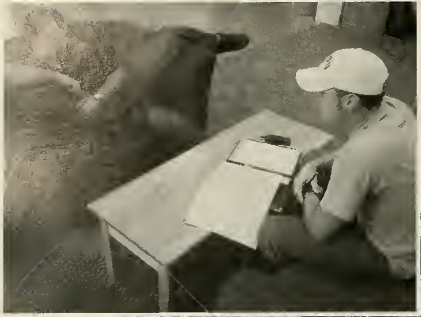

InStyle
FRIENDS

photos by Amy Jones

Campus Living

by Robert Evans

Ahhhh, the last few days of school are winding down, the temperature is rising and the girls are out in their best summer clothes. It is very weird; I don't know how to honestly explain what happens at the end of the school year. For some people it is the end of their first year at college, the end of their first year of many years of independence.

It is like going away to camp for the summer, but it's an extended summer camp with lots of studying in between and the changing of many seasons. When it is over and you head home for the fleeting summer vacations there is a sadness in your heart. The memories that you made will always be there, but when you wake up tomorrow in your bed that you've had since a little kid, and in your hometown, that year is over and it's another year down.

Sophomore Alex Weaver (left) and freshman Pedro Crutcher spend their free time playing video games in their room in Corlew Hall. Weaver is a graphic design major and Crutcher is majoring in fashion design and merchandising.

Of course next year many of us will come back and experience another nine months of camp. Some things will be different though. Many of the friends who I have made over the last couple of years are moving out of the dorms and into their own places, as I am. Some of them will remain friends, others will not, some will move away and not come back. Whatever the reasons, we are moving apart.

You get used to waking up in the morning and propping your door open so that whoever passes by can stop in and say hi for a moment or just exchange pleasantries while passing in the hallway. There is the cross breeze that you and your neighbor across the hall had going when it was hot and the air conditioning wasn't on. You opened your windows and the doors and then suddenly the outside world wasn't so bad anymore.

Then there were the conversations with friends that helped you get through the rough times, encouraged you to pursue this or that or just supported your decision. They were the ones who as you are striving to become something helped guide you. They were also the ones who always had a joke and a smile as – spontaneously - a group of residents would gather on the floor to talk and joke and sing songs and have fun.

When we move away the spontaneity will be gone. You can't go over to someone's new residence and walk in the door and not know what to expect. There is a sense of purpose when you did that in the dorm.

As much as we hated dorm life, it was what gave us bonds, community our first years at college. Living with a roommate was a great shock to those of us who had our own rooms most of our lives. It taught us how to deal with many problems and solve morally compromising issues. But of course you can read that right off the brochure that housing sends out. The dorms gave us our first friends, or those of us who came to school not knowing a soul. As much as we hate it, we sure are going to miss it. The realization that we are growing older and our days of fun are numbered is sinking in.

As we move out I can't help but think that this is the very last stay at summer camp.

Opposite Page, Top: Math education major, Andrew Moss, (left) and freshman electronic media major, Brian Davidson, sit in the Corlew lobby and talk about their upcoming semester schedules. Students who lived in dorms often migrated to the lobby throughout the semester.

Opposite Page, Center: Olivia Laliberte (bottom) a recording industry major and Lindsey Smith (top) a pre-dentistry major crawl into bed in their elaborately decorated room. Decorating dorm rooms made them feel more like home, and gave visitors a sense of the occupants personality. Decrations ranged from black lights to fuzzy posters.

Opposite Page, Bottom: Freshman Renee Brank and sophomore Jessica Smith take a break from their daily schedules to watch *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* in the lobby of the Lyon Complex. Lobbies were a haven for students wanting to get out of their dorm rooms for a while. The big screen TV was also popular with the students living in the residence halls.

Always

Smilin'

A Man in Motion and Sound

Class is over and students come out of everywhere and fill the sidewalks, grassy areas and tables. Among the crowd they begin to hear music – it's a mobile sound system on whee and Lee Phillips is driving. Not many people can say they have a portable 12-disk CD changer and radio that costs more than $10,000. It's Lee's idea.

His wheelchair may not have a roof and windows, but it's Lee's wheels, his legs. He can go just about anywhere, and with it reaching speeds up to 7 mph, it doesn't take long to get there.

"I love music and I love to make people turn their heads," says Lee, graphic communications major.

A love for music, car shows and loading car stereo systems excites this 25-year-old. He rushes across campus and with his 150-watt car stereo built onto his wheelchair and his favorite music, rhythm and blues, pounding from the speakers.

Lee suffers from cerebral palsy, which is a condition causing paralysis and muscle spasms throughout the body. His condition began with complications during birth, but his life has never been complicated.

"He was just like any other child, and I never treated him any different," says his mother Bessie. "He had trouble with his umbilical cord being wrapped around his neck, which caused blood to be cut off to the brain. The doctor had to break Lee's collarbone and a few ribs to deliver him. He spent five weeks in the hospital, and his shoulders never grew properly after his delivery."

Although Lee didn't grow up like other kids, he never lost his smile. As he got older and began to watch other people, the situation became clearer to Lee. People would look at him as if there was something wrong with him. Children would start to ask questions about his condition and then be pulled away by their mothers, Bessie adds.

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Matthew H. Starling

Lee began to ask why.

"If they can't handle it, that's too bad," Bessie told Lee.

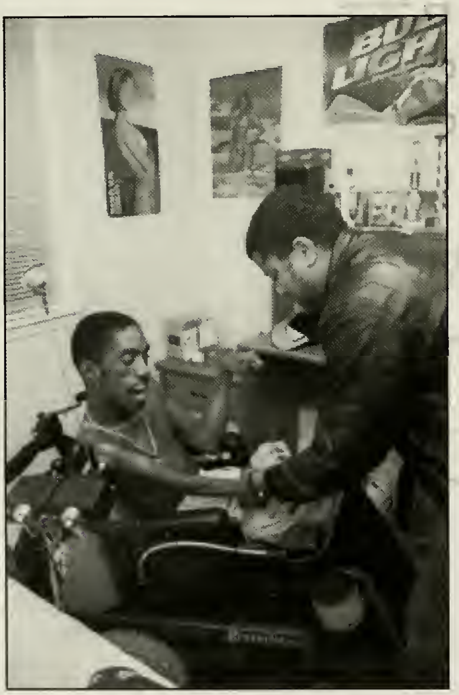
Lee is very connected to his family, and of course, they like to spoil him. Bessie says they are really close and it shows, despite an 18-year difference between Lee and his other siblings.

Even though Lee and his family are close, he needed to have contact with other kids who shared his condition. So Lee attended Easter Seals camps for children with disabilities. At the camps he would shine, showing his talents in various sports, including basketball and bowling. Lee would trick other campers by hiding and playing his music loudly to make people think there was a car where it shouldn't be.

"I loved to make people look," Lee says. "It was fun."

Lee still makes people take notice as he speeds across campus, driving his chair with his mouthpiece and the bass kickin.' Besides turning heads outside the classroom, he does the same in class by making the grades and doing everything other students do – within reason.

"I've never felt different," says Lee. ⌘



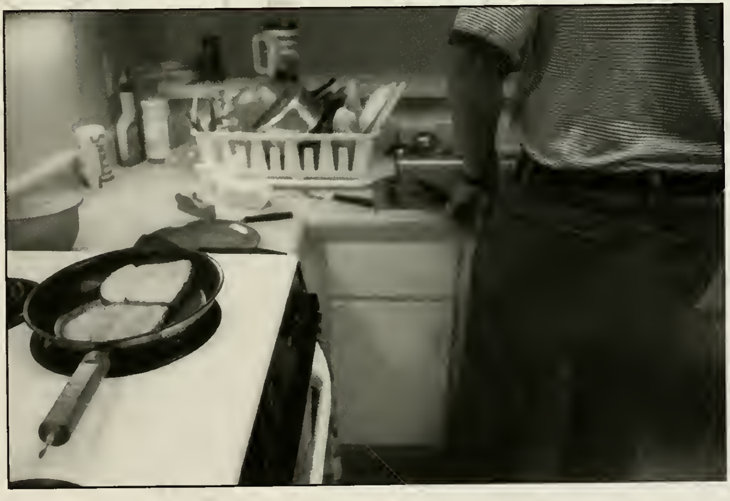
Above: Edward Murdic, an MTSU senior and caregiver for Lee, helps him change into a sweatshirt on a cold night. Edward is working toward a social work degree. He says that he really enjoys helping Lee and the work that goes along with it.

MANUAL
AUTOMATIC DOOR

Left: Lee, like many of the disabled students on campus, must deal with a simple obstacle such as a door. MTSU's campus has easily accessible features for disabled students, such as this automatic door in the KUC.

Below: Edward fixes Lee his choice for dinner: grilled cheese sandwiches. While the food is cooking and the news cuts to a commercial break, Edward talks to Lee about the day's events. Lee always looks forward to company.

Above: Mimi Dedrick helps Lee check his e-mail in the AdaptiveTechnology Center located in the library. Lee is able to surf the Web at home, but it is sometimes easier to go to the ATC.



ROTC

Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

by Brandon Morrison

Hut, two three four, hut two three four. Halt! Every day drill sergeants could be heard outside Forrest Hall yelling orders to a group of eager cadets in the school's Reserve Officers' Training Corps. program.

Each year hundreds of students sign up to participate in either the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps or the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Students who enrolled in the ROTC programs were often very active students on campus and their ROTC experience compliments campus life. They were members of fraternities and sororities and participated in intercollegiate sports, such as football and baseball. The ROTC department supported very successful intramural teams and had several organizations open to all students on campus.

One such organization was the Blue Brigade Precision Drill Team. They performed at home football and basketball games, marched in local parades and provided color guards for the Tennessee Titans and Nashville Predators.

The department also boasted th Forrest Raiders that participated in rigorous training and adventures such a rappelling, small unit patrolling and survival. The Forrest Raiders competed wit other colleges in the Southeast in contests that tested every limit that the participants had. MTSU finished first ou of 28 other schools from Tennessee an four other states in the 3rd Brigade Range Challenge competition this year. ⌘

Above: President Bush spoke at an assembly in Ft. Campbell, KY. for the 101st Airborne Division on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 24, 2001. The purpose of the speech was an effort to support military morale during the war on terrorism. During his inspirational speech, Bush hinted that the 101st Airborne Division once again has a "rendezvous with destiny." **photo provided**

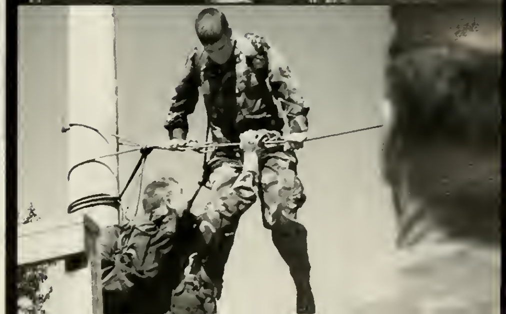
Opposite Page, Top: Sophomore Amy Johnson, Senior Michael Lynn, Senior Patrick Caukin and recent graduate Alicia Davis-Lynn perform at the opening ceremony for the American Veterans Traveling Tribute on Sept. 9-12, 2001. Colorguards for the Blue Brigade ROTC were invited to perform at various events around the state. **photo provided**

Opposite Page, Bottom: MTSU ROTC cadets, along with 101st Airborne Division, wait in anticipation for President Bush to begin speaking at Ft. Campbell. 16,000 enthusiastic soldiers and their families attended the Thanksgiving-eve morale-boosting ceremony. **photo provided**

Top: Sophomore Jesse Hill, a 3 1/2 year scholarship winner from Centerville, TN, throws a simulated hand grenade while practicing for the annual Regional Ranger Challange Competition. This event was held at Ft. Knox, KY on Oct. 26-28, 2001. **photo provided**

Center: President Bush arrived at Ft. Campbell, KY shortly before noon to share a meal of turkey, corn bread dressing and all the trimmings with a group of soldiers. Afterward he commended them saying, "You are dedicated to something greater than yourself. I am honored to be your commander-in-chief." **photo provided**

Bottom: Junior Bill Raeth, spotted by senior Ken Ballard, trains to be proficient on the rope-bridge event for Regional Ranger Challenge 2001. This event took endurance, strength and a lot of patience. **photo by Shaun Wyn**



An MTSU Police

A Closer Look

by Jason Cox

We saw them every day driving around in late-model Ford Crown Victoria police cars. Some even wondered, "What does a police officer do on a normal day?"

"There is not a normal day," said MTSU Police Sargent Matt Foster, who lives in Manchester with his wife and four children. Foster, an officer for over 10 years including the last three with MTSU Public Safety, has been shot, stabbed and assaulted during his career as an officer. Last December his knee was injured while trying to stop a riot in the Keathley University Center theater, and the injury has since required surgery.

However, Foster did not let these incidents damper his enthusiasm for helping and protecting the students, faculty, staff and visitors who are on MTSU's campus every day.

"He [is] above reproach and does his job in a professional manner," Lt. Darryl Collins said. "He does it right."

MTSU officers spent much of their time driving around campus and the surrounding area, doing things such as assisting people who lock their keys in their car, while always keeping an eye on their surroundings. This was thought to be a powerful crime deterrent.

He believes in treating the people he speaks to with respect because it is impossible to know the kind of day that person had been having. "For all I know, they may just have failed a test," Foster said.

Foster said that his duties as a police officer did not end with his shift. "We're police officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he explained.

When an officer was called to a crime or accident scene, Foster said that the mantra of most officers is to "expect the worst, hope for the best and pray that it's somewhere in between."

At MTSU, Foster said most of the crimes were thefts. He has yet to see a theft from a locked dorm room. He said that many backpack thefts at Phillips Bookstore could have been prevented if people would have put their backpacks in lockers while they were in the store instead of leaving them on the floor.

He said that the most rewarding aspect of his profession is "the personal satisfaction that I may have made a difference in someone else's life."

Above: Matt Foster assists his fellow MTSU officers in unlocking a car door for a student who had locked his keys in his car. Many thankless jobs were completed throughout the day that benefited students and the campus as a whole.

Right: Checking to see if the door is locked, Matt Foster completes his rounds for the afternoon. Securing buildings against theft and violence is a vital part of the MTSU police job requirements.

Center: Another thankless job that MTSU officers were expected to perform was to assist students with car problems that were not anticipated. Officer Foster tries to jump a car, but the work was in vain.

Far Right: Foster unlocks a student's car while trying not to get frusterated. Some locked cars took a lot of work to unlock while others took only a few minutes.

Officer:

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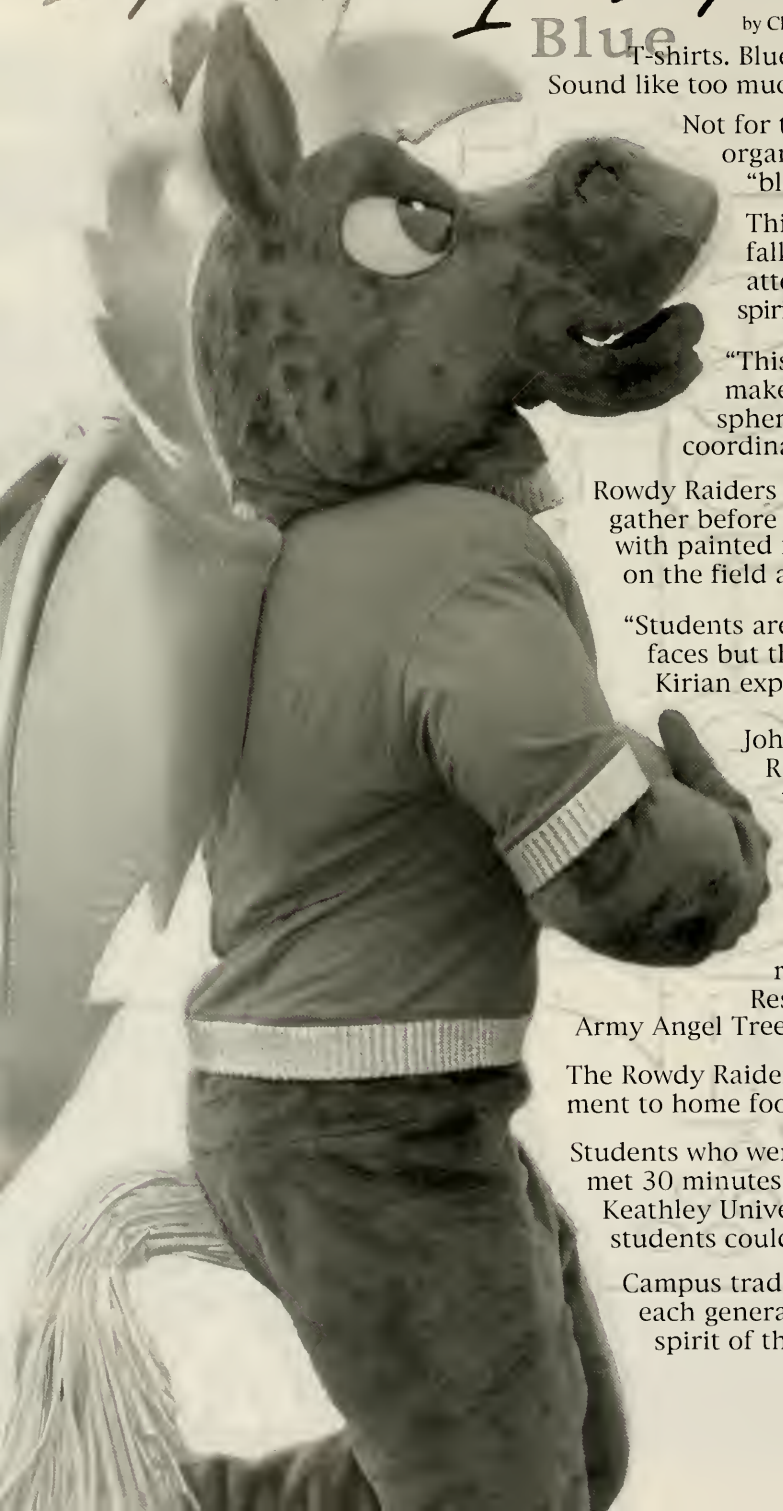
Rowdy Raiders

by Charlene Callier



Blue T-shirts. Blue faces. Blue painted bodies. Sound like too much blue?

Not for the Rowdy Raiders, a student organization that requires students to "blue down" on all home games.

This recent tradition was started in fall 2000 to encourage students to attend games and increases school spirit, along with athletic support.

"This gives the students a chance to make a vocal point of the atmosphere," said Erin Kirian, cheerleading coordinator and Rowdy Raiders Sponsor.

Rowdy Raiders are a group of students who gather before the games, dressed in blue with painted faces to lead the football team on the field and lead the crowds in cheers.

"Students are not required to paint their faces but they must be decked out in blue," Kirian explained.

John Norrell organized the Rowdy Raiders as he involved himself in the MTSU community after he transferred from Delta State University. Norrell, a graduate student at MTSU, also was involved in a lot of other student activities, such as being a resident director for Housing and Residential Life and the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

The Rowdy Raiders add a bit of color and excitement to home football games.

Students who were interested in Rowdy Raiders met 30 minutes before the home games at the Keathley University Center. During this time, students could get their face painted.

Campus traditions were the link between each generation of students to keep the spirit of the school alive.

Opposite Page: Lightning prepares the crowd for the homecoming game against Arkansas State. Lightning first made his appearance as the Blue Raider mascot in 1998 when 10,000 students showed up at the Murphy Center to see what "Lightning Strikes" really meant. This came after a politically incorrect mascot of Nathan Bedford Forrest, an unofficial mascot of Ole Blue, popular in the 1980s, and a few other mascots that never stuck around for long. Lightning was created to carry MTSU into the future and especially into Division 1-A sports. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Top: Several Rowdy Raiders crowd around a young fan at the Vanderbilt game to give him the opportunity to yell into the megaphone. Promoting school spirit to the students who attended MTSUwas not the only important action that the Rowdy Raiders took. They also helped boost community morale and spirit. **photo by Elisa Fisk**

Right: A Middle Tennessee fan gets his head painted in preperation for the MTSU - Vandy game. Young and old fans got involved in supporting MTSU against the well known Vanderbilt team. Rowdy Raiders recruited many new members during this period of heightened school spirit. **photo byMatthew H. Starling**

Above: Sophomore Brent Coleman (left) and sophomore Patrick Damphier (right) form the group Coda. This band had a CD released this past December.

Right: David Rogers of David and the Dinglehoppers performs at the Cyber Cafe on a fall night. Groups found the Open Mic Night as an opportunity to try out their music on live audiences.

Below: Andy Primei (left) an Morgan Isaac (right), also o David and the Dinglehoppers provide background music.

photos by Jennifer Cornett

OPEN MIC NIGHT

by Rennee Jones

If you have talent or just want to listen to others, then Open Mic is where you belong. Open Mic is a spot where individuals were allowed to freely express themselves in any shape, form or fashion they chose. It is a place where people who appreciate various styles of talent come and support artists as they display their gifts. MTSU has conveniently held Open Mic Night at the Cyber Cafe since February 2000.

On Monday nights between 7:30-10 p.m., groups of college students rush the Cyber Café.

The weekly showcase is not only open to MTSU students but to anyone who liked to come, show and tell. Shawn Whitsell, an Open Mic participant and admirer says that Open Mic is a time for free expression.

With eyes of recall, Whitsell says, "The atmosphere makes a great show, for you are capable of hearing any and everything."

Acts range from soloists, bands, comedians, actors and actress, musicians, spoken word artists and the list goes on. Whitsell is a spoken word artist who has the capabilities to be a soloist as well, but he jokes about playing his guitar for the audience before launching his soloist career.

"I perform material in which I have put a lot of work and emotions into," says Whitsell.

To him, performing at Open Mic Night is like a double-edged sword. "It is therapeutic for me to deliver it, but also therapeutic for my peers to hear it, for they may share some of the same feelings."

The audience is normally very lenient and non-judgmental toward participants.

"I feel that audience members do not have the right to boo or judge, for it is not a talent show but a freedom of expression," Whitsell reiterates.

He says audience members should be nourishing to these aspiring artists and help build them up as they share their talented gifts. During the times that Whitsell attends Open Mic, he says that he has had seasoned participants break down and cry, while some laugh hysterically.

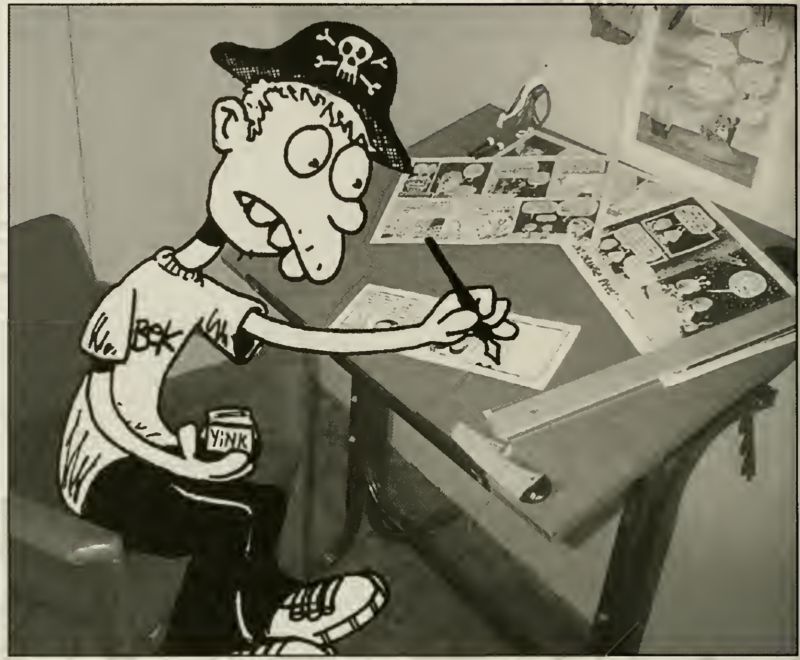
On any given Monday, one could pry open the doors to the Cyber Cafe and allow various artists to stimulate their minds, or one could freely express him or herself and smoke the mic, making the audience verbally high from the artistic talents in which their unfiltered minds inhale. ⌘

Above: Andrew Samples, a freshman, takes advantage of the Open Mic Night at Woodmore. Students who performed in front of their peers practiced for many hours in preparation.

Above: Freshman Josh Croft tells a story during Open Mic Night. Croft was enrolled in a story-telling class in the fall 2001 semester.

Funny Business

by Robert Evans



As he sails across campus on his skateboard few people are the wiser that Lucas Antoniak is the future star-in-waiting of the weekly funny papers.

"Sometimes I can be walking past someone and they are reading or have just read Burnt Orange Peel and they are commenting on it or laughing, it's kinda cool."

While Antoniak is a student at MTSU, Burnt Orange Peel is a comic strip that has been brewing for years. "I have been drawing cartoons as long as I can remember on the back of my coloring book sheets and I have had different characters since kindergarten," said Antoniak. "BOP came from my high school biology class, some of the characters were friends and a lot of it was about making fun of a teacher. The characters came from all of that."

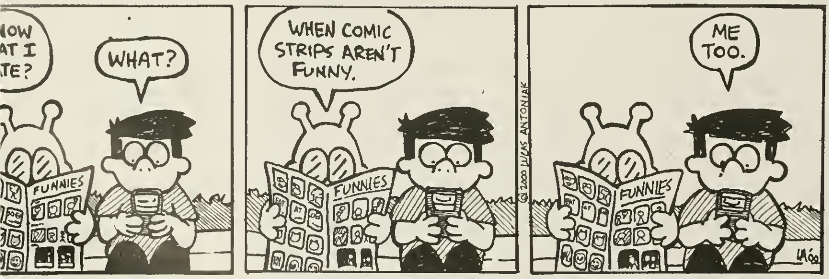
Admittedly, Antoniak gives credit to many other contemporary cartoonists who are known for their wit and social commentary, such as the late-great Charles Schulz, the retired Bill Watterston of Calvin and Hobbes fame, and Matt Groening of The Simpson's

"One of the only reasons I read the (Nashville) Scene is because "Life in Hell," Groenig's syndicated strip runs in it." However, Antoniak denies that Burnt Orange Peel has any political agenda, "I get my ideas from this cartoonist magic 8-ball, shake it, and it gives me ideas (laughing). No, actually what I do is what I draw about...a lot of it is auto-biographical things that happen to me. Sometimes I do political stuff like cell-phones, but I have no real political agenda."

"When I used to have to come up with stuff, I'd sit for hours trying to think of something. Now they just come to me. I hate those older comics than the ones I do now. They seem so forced."

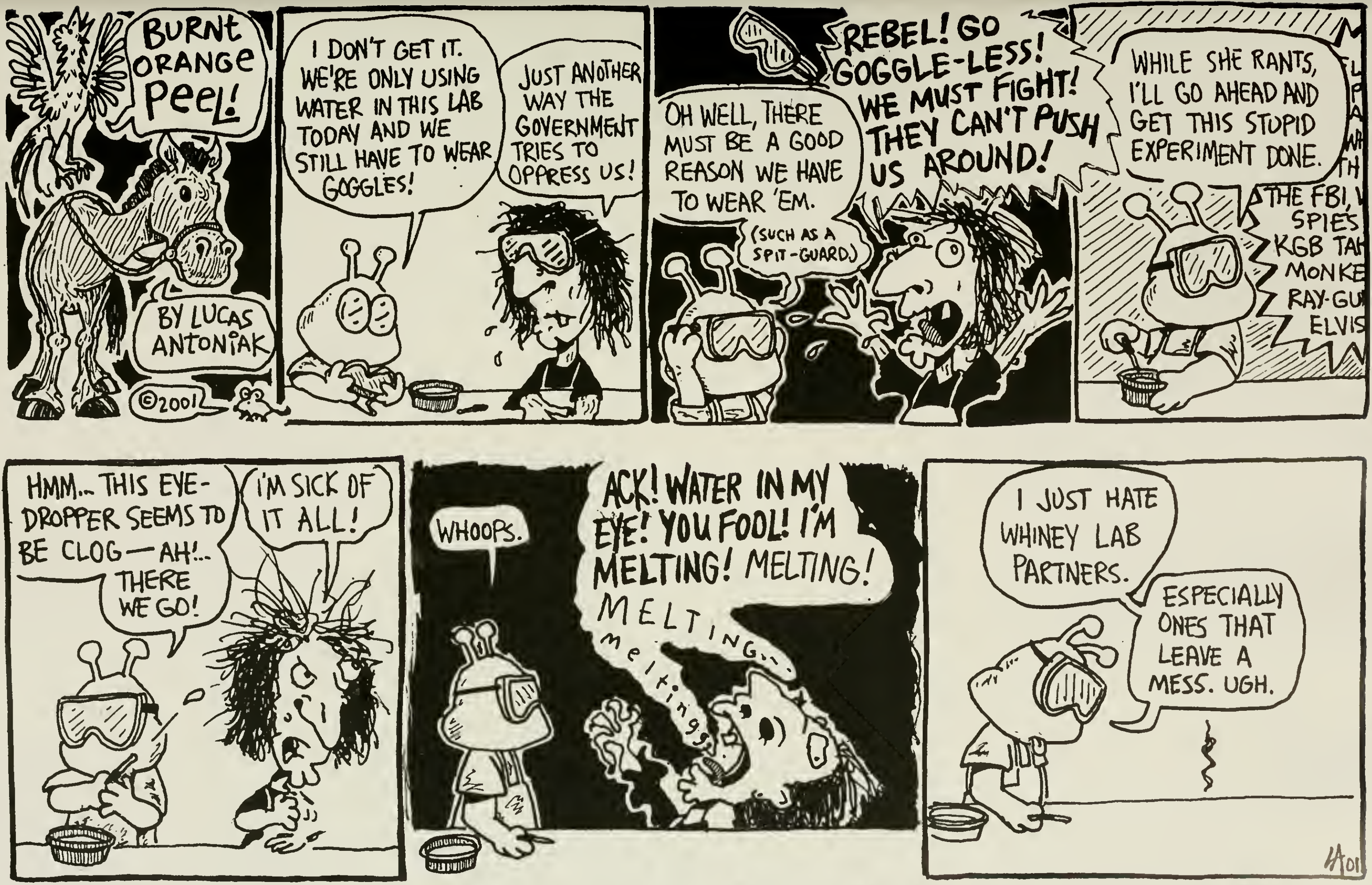
"The strip's theme is a feeling of isolation, for awhile I tried to do a story line but that didn't work once a week in Sidelines," Antoniak said. The strip's title also has nothing to do with the strip itself. "It pays homage to my favorite musician," although Antoniak wouldn't say who. "Those who are fans know," is all he would say.

In his own opinion Antoniak sees the future as being wide open. "I want Burnt Orange Peel to go into syndication weekly, eventually, like any other cartoon. But otherwise I don't know what I want to do or where I want to live." ⌘



Above: Antoniak draws a portrait of himself laying out a cartoon that he is working on. Creativity was something that Antoniak was not afraid of or intimidated by.

Left: Antoniak's comics have no political agenda, they are just based on what Antoniak is feeling and thinking at the time.


BURNt ORANGE PeeL!
BY LUCAS ANTONiAK
©2001
I DON'T GET IT. WE'RE ONLY USING WATER IN THIS LAB TODAY AND WE STILL HAVE TO WEAR GOGGLES!
JUST ANOTHER WAY THE GOVERNMENT TRIES TO OPPRESS US!
OH WELL, THERE MUST BE A GOOD REASON WE HAVE TO WEAR 'EM.
(SUCH AS A SPIT-GUARD)
REBEL! GO GOGGLE-LESS! WE MUST FIGHT! THEY CAN'T PUSH US AROUND!
WHILE SHE RANTS, I'LL GO AHEAD AND GET THIS STUPID EXPERIMENT DONE.
THE FBI, SPIES KGB MONKE RAY-GU ELVIS
HMM... THIS EYE-DROPPER SEEMS TO BE CLOG—AH!... THERE WE GO!
I'M SICK OF IT ALL!
WHOOPS.
ACK! WATER IN MY EYE! YOU FOOL! I'M MELTING! MELTING! MELTING... melting...
I JUST HATE WHINEY LAB PARTNERS.
ESPECIALLY ONES THAT LEAVE A MESS. UGH.
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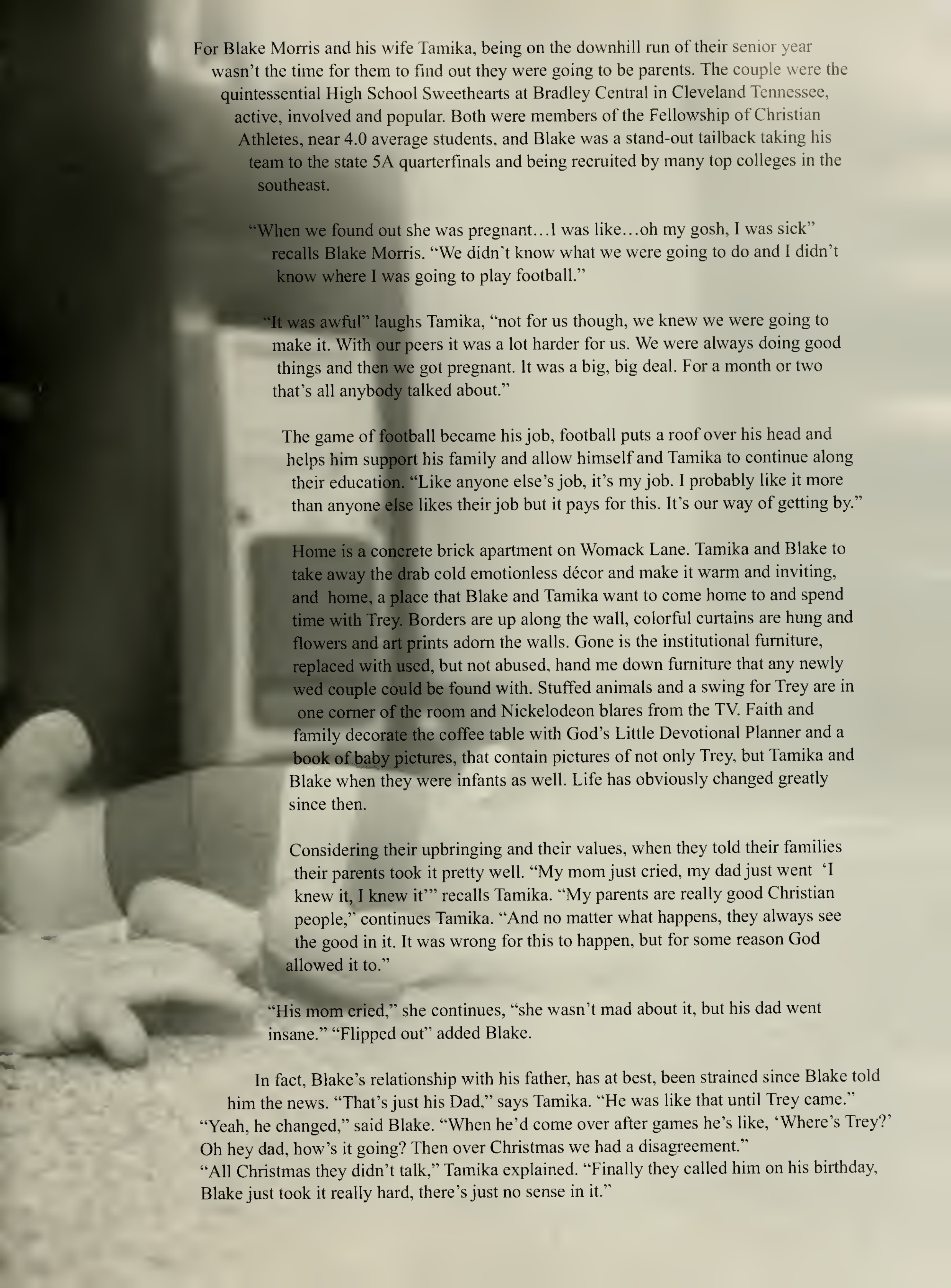
Above: The characters for the strip Burnt Orange Peel came from Antoniak's biology lab and some events that happen in his everyday life. Antoniak confesses that his favorite part of drawing is drawing the logo at the beginning. "I can play and do detail or be lazy," he elaborates. Anoniak says that he has been, "inspired by real people, with my personality I made up as I went along."

Growing Pains

Raising a Kid & Going to School

story by Robert Evans
photos by Matthew H. Starling



For Blake Morris and his wife Tamika, being on the downhill run of their senior year wasn't the time for them to find out they were going to be parents. The couple were the quintessential High School Sweethearts at Bradley Central in Cleveland Tennessee, active, involved and popular. Both were members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, near 4.0 average students, and Blake was a stand-out tailback taking his team to the state 5A quarterfinals and being recruited by many top colleges in the southeast.

"When we found out she was pregnant…I was like…oh my gosh, I was sick" recalls Blake Morris. "We didn't know what we were going to do and I didn't know where I was going to play football."

"It was awful" laughs Tamika, "not for us though, we knew we were going to make it. With our peers it was a lot harder for us. We were always doing good things and then we got pregnant. It was a big, big deal. For a month or two that's all anybody talked about."

The game of football became his job, football puts a roof over his head and helps him support his family and allow himself and Tamika to continue along their education. "Like anyone else's job, it's my job. I probably like it more than anyone else likes their job but it pays for this. It's our way of getting by."

Home is a concrete brick apartment on Womack Lane. Tamika and Blake to take away the drab cold emotionless décor and make it warm and inviting, and home, a place that Blake and Tamika want to come home to and spend time with Trey. Borders are up along the wall, colorful curtains are hung and flowers and art prints adorn the walls. Gone is the institutional furniture, replaced with used, but not abused, hand me down furniture that any newly wed couple could be found with. Stuffed animals and a swing for Trey are in one corner of the room and Nickelodeon blares from the TV. Faith and family decorate the coffee table with God's Little Devotional Planner and a book of baby pictures, that contain pictures of not only Trey, but Tamika and Blake when they were infants as well. Life has obviously changed greatly since then.

Considering their upbringing and their values, when they told their families their parents took it pretty well. "My mom just cried, my dad just went 'I knew it, I knew it'" recalls Tamika. "My parents are really good Christian people," continues Tamika. "And no matter what happens, they always see the good in it. It was wrong for this to happen, but for some reason God allowed it to."

"His mom cried," she continues, "she wasn't mad about it, but his dad went insane." "Flipped out" added Blake.

In fact, Blake's relationship with his father, has at best, been strained since Blake told him the news. "That's just his Dad," says Tamika. "He was like that until Trey came."
"Yeah, he changed," said Blake. "When he'd come over after games he's like, 'Where's Trey?' Oh hey dad, how's it going? Then over Christmas we had a disagreement."
"All Christmas they didn't talk," Tamika explained. "Finally they called him on his birthday, Blake just took it really hard, there's just no sense in it."

As a whole though, both of their families are encouraging. "My parents are supportive in every single thing that we do, his parents some, really his mom, she pays for our car a '99 Honda Accord and pays for the gas, and my parents help us out with food."

As well as their parents helping out, Tamika and Blake also have the support of Federal Grants that help them cover the expenses.

Looking at his football stats on paper Blake seems like a more imposing young man than he is in person. Humble, gracious, and soft spoken it's hard to believe that this was the same person who played the entire Ole' Miss football game. On the sideline during a game other members of the team consider Blake a little quiet, a freak in his own words. Not going so far as calling him a freak he turns those characteristics into a quiet determination, "I don't like to get caught up in the trash talking and politics."

Coming to Middle Tennessee State wasn't an easy decision for Blake. With everything else going crazy in his life he feels that it just worked out, "I think God had a huge say in it." Blake choose MT over some big schools as Georgia Tech, Alabama and Tennessee. "Coach McCollum and Coach Aldridge (now with the Buffalo Bills) said 'That's not the place for you. You need to come here.' I was thinking, 'Right, MT, they have 8,000 people at their game. I've seen bigger crowds in high school."

But a seemingly backhanded decision by the coaching staff at the University of Tennessee Football team radically changed things for Blake and made Middle look better and better. "Blake went to Knoxville four or five times, Phillip Fulmer came to his house, just some things that were crazy. They wanted him so bad and then all of a sudden this guys gets his spot and they say we don't want you anymore." Calls to the University of Tennessee Athletic Department were not returned.

The only other school Blake was considering was Alabama. "I liked Alabama a lot," but "if I went to a bigger school I would be red-shirted and in the weight room for three years before I'd get on special teams. They told me if I'd come here I'd play and I did that."

eft Corner: Blake plays with Trey in heir living room of their Womack Lane partment. Trey is almost ready to rawl. Because of this Tamika and lake had to move the coffee table out f their living room.

Above: Tamika tickles Trey in one of their many games. She enjoys singing songs to Trey whenever she gets a chance.

Blake also credits his decision to another Middle player for helping to influence his decision. "When I came up here on a visit I met Lance Phillips (back up quarter-back) and we talked. I sensed a lot of God in it. So I decided to come. It ended up working out, everything worked out great."

Through all of this Tamika refuses to look or feel like a victim. "I was talking with this other woman who said she couldn't go back to school because she had a child and is just now getting back. I thought, you just decided for yourself, there's a way if you want to do something bad enough you can do it. There's no reason someone shouldn't be able to do it. The only reason is (because) they don't have the confidence that they can." As far as she's concerned there was no other alternative to following her husband to school. "If we didn't go to school we would have regular jobs, Trey would be in daycare and we wold be in debt because we would have to pay for a house payment and other things. We would really be at a loss." Faith is what really ties Blake and Tamika together, faith in each other and faith in the Lord. "We depend on each other a lot. But also it was the Lord's will," contends Tamika.

Depending on each other is how Tamika and Blake make it through the long days. Their day begins at six in the morning and end well into the night. When Blake is in class and at practice or conditioning Tamika watches Trey and when Tamika has class Blake takes over those duties. "We get to see each other after about six o'clock every night. The couple wants to raise Trey in a loving nurturing environment. "If it came down to it, I would take computer classes, I don't want to make him (Trey) go to day care." In the end, Trey is the true reason that they are here and in school. Blake and Tamika knew in their hearts that someday the two of them were going to get married and have a family. They just didn't expect it so soon.

The couple is very committed to their education, already decided what they want to do in life, Blake is an Engineering major and Tamika is studying Elementary Education. "I think it's awesome that both of us are going to school and we're doing this for him," Blake says, showing a maturity and sense of purpose that just a few months ago wasn't even an issue. "If I don't feel like going to class I have to go. I have a reason," he says. "Both of us want to get degrees and get good jobs. Now we have extra motivation." ⌘

Left: Blake, # 26, attempts to block two Louisiana - Monroe players during the first of the football season. Along with all his parental responsibilities, Blake is required to work-out on a specific routine every day. **photo provided**

Left: Blake and Tamika are always amazed about how big Trey is getting with every day's passing. Now 5 months old, it seems only like yesterday they were bringing him home.

Above: Tamika cooks supper while Blake helps. Getting around in the small kitchen in Womack Lane is sometimes a chore. Since it is so small there is barely enough room for Blake's tall, stocky frame and Tamika's petite form.

Superstitions

Old Wives' Tales or the Real Thing?

by India Stone

Lots of people do things based solely on superstitious beliefs. Some stay inside Friday the 13th, while others anoint themselves with egg yolk before going into surgery. Whatever the case may be, superstition holds a permanent place in the fabric of humanity.

"I won't pick up a penny if it's on tails," said recreational therapy major Debbi Hope.

Hope also said she won't step on cracks on the sidewalk, "because you break your momma's back."

Although there are many who hold superstitious beliefs, there are many others who think it's nonsense.

"Everything that happens is up to you to happen," said political science major Benjamin Bryson. "I don't think of some outside force as controlling what goes on around me."

Which direction a pendulum swings or the composition of the lines on someone's hands offer believers of superstition insight into seemingly unknown facts. Whether these things have any truth value is up to the individual.

Skeptics of superstition say those kinds of beliefs are nothing more than old wive's tales that have somehow survived over time. Others say one can tell a lot by examining the small things in life, like the ascent or motion of smoke or the positions of the stars and planets.

Antwan Byrd stands firm in his belief that this is the year of the prophet which means that a lot of strange occurances are predestined to occur during this year. His proof for this is found in a number sequence that takes place in Corinthians.

"I believe in astrology a little bit," said recording industry major Molly Schulz, "although I wouldn't base my life on it."

"I know that since I'm a Capricorn," Schulz said, giving an example, "I don't need to date another Capricorn."

However, Schulz remains on the skeptical side.

"If you don't trust your own life and you have to believe in something else, it's kind of flaky," she said, "because it has nothing to do with anything."

Some think superstition is just a way to feel in control.

"All people throughout cultures and time have had their superstitious things they do," said recording industry major David Maxwell. "It is built into humans to have a void, and some people choose to fill it with superstition. That gives them comfort in their voidal insecurities."

Humans have created four categories of superstition according to the *New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia*: improper worship of God, idolatry, divination and vain observances.

The improper worship of God occurs when "incongruous, meaningless, improper elements are added to the proper and approved performance. Idolatrous superstitions are

When he was a freshman, Senior Chris Fritz heard of the concept of the shoe nailed to the tree between Peck Hall and Cope. Now on the verge of graduating, he has decided to put his plan into action. Legend goes that after students have graduated, in order to be successful, they must nail a shoe that they have worn through college to the tree.

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"offered to creatures set up as divinities or endowed with divine attributes." An example of this is the Japanese belief in the crane being good luck because it lives for 1,000 years. Many animals in Japan have symbolism associated with them.

Divination "consists in the attempt to extract from creatures, by means of religious rites, a knowledge of future events or of things known to God alone."

Vain observances include "all those beliefs and practices which, at least by implication, attribute supernatural or pre-natural powers for good or evil to causes evidently incapable of producing the expected effects." Occult arts and magic are examples.

Superstition could have been perpetuated by humans due to a lack of scientific knowledge of natural causes. *The New Advent* elaborates by saying, "Many superstitious practices are due to an exaggerated notion or a false interpretation of natural events."

"Some superstitions can be so broad that they can fit anything that you do," Bryson said concerning probabilities. "You may want to try it twice because more than likely it's just a coincidence. If it happens again, maybe you've got something."

"It's somewhat instinctual," Schulz said, "but I think people do it because other people do it."

"To each his own," Bryson said. "Some people go way out with it and let superstition control their lives.

"I can understand having one superstition, but to let it ruin your life is going too far."

Superstition was strongly reinforced during the Middle Ages with the ordeals, or "Judgments of God."

Again, the *New Advent* rationalizes superstition by saying, "The law of probabilities gives an equal chance to success and failure, and success does more to support than failure would do to destroy superstition."

"I used to own a black cat named Ki-Ki," said undergraduate Stephanie Gearheart. "I used to walk under ladders and step on cracks and nothing happened. So no, I don't believe in superstition."⌘

Left: Brandon Van Kirk kisses his lucky memento. A serious car accident convinced Van Kirk years ago that some superstitions were the real thing. Instead of being ejected, like he was told he should have from authorities, Van Kirk had only minor injuries. All of which he credits to a chicken head that he bought in Hawaii.

Above: Some ancient civilizations believed that if you made a loud enough noise that it would scare away bad spirits and enemies. While Mike, Matt and Fink don't have to worry about bad spirits and enemies, they still enjoy making loud noises that echo through the tube and across the courtyard of Deere and Nicks Halls.

Right: Brian Seifert is convinced that parking karma truly does exist. His theory is that if you have wronged someone, you will receive bad parking places for a while. However, if you have a bad day then the female parking karma will smile down upon you by giving you a good spot.

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Right: The sign that is painted on one of the front windows of the Davis Market is eccentric in itself. Rumors have surrounded the market for as long as locals can remember; however, none have been proven true.

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Left: Ben "Louigi" Angeloni believes in the legend that if you purchase three items from the market you will die in Murfreesboro. The only way to break this legend is to urinate on the monument that marks the middle of Tennessee.

Above: During the hours of dusk, Davis Market looks like any other privately owned establishment in Murfreesboro. But stories have circulated that it is a one of a kind store that may hold supernatural powers.

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Davis Market

Once you step in, you can never leave

by Jessie Miraldi

"They say that if you come in here you'll never leave Murfreesboro," said James Power, employee of Davis Market, a small convenience store located near MTSU.

During its existence in Murfreesboro, Davis Market has made quite a name for itself. The small store located on the corner of Tennessee Boulevard and Main Street specializes in a wide variety of beer and boasts the "coldest beer in town."

Beer, however, is not Davis Market's only attraction. It is widely known to locals as the "center of the universe."

The legend of Davis Market says that anyone who enters the store will never leave Murfreesboro, at least not for good. Everyone will eventually return.

"It is said that, years ago, some members of the occult declared Davis Market the center of the universe," Power said.

But that's just one story.

Michael Kennedy, next door neighbor of Davis Market, said he heard the store was built on an Indian burial ground.

"It was supposedly an Indian tribe that believed it was the center of the universe," he said.

Kennedy said it's rumored that each time one goes in the store, another year is added in which he or she must remain in Murfreesboro. He also has heard that the store is haunted but has never experienced anything himself.

"One of the beer vaults in the back is said to hold the gates to hell," Power said. And though he claims it has a strange smell, Power says he never has seen anything out of the ordinary in the vault.

Employee Scott Rissman agrees with Kennedy that Davis Market was built on a burial ground, but he thinks people get stuck in Murfreesboro by purchasing something from the market. He said he's experienced strange things.

"One night when I came to work, the clock was off by about four hours," he said, "but when I clocked out at midnight it was exactly on time."

A former employee also had strange things happen, such as radio stations change randomly and doors shut by themselves. Although no employees believe they actually have experienced a haunting, neighbors have been haunted in their apartments on the adjoining land, which also is owned by the Davis family.

"Pots and pans have flown out of the cabinets before, things disappear and re-appear, and we hear noises from upstairs when no one is up there," said Melissa Krumpton.

She said that a resident of another apartment next to Davis Market had to move because the figurines on his mantle kept dancing.

The legend of Davis Market has brought much business to the little store over the years but also has scared some away.

"I've gone in there before just out of curiosity," said MTSU junior Brian Seadorf. "I've bought things from there, too. So we'll see what happens."

Sophomore Bailey McMeans avoids Davis Market.

"Ever since I found out about the legend, I don't go in there, because I don't want to be stuck in Murfreesboro forever," she said.

According to market employees, students and locals alike, there is only one way to reverse the curse.

"In order to reverse the legend, you have to urinate on the stones that mark the center of Tennessee," Power said. The geographical center of Tennessee is located on Old Lascasses Road, and is marked by a monument and plaque. Rissman, who has worked at the store for seven months, smiles, looking around the store.

"After working here I know I'll probably have to pay a big visit to that monument when it's time to leave." ⌘

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Fashion

Not just for safety, but for fashion. MTSU students have been clinching their waistlines for the must-have fall accessory: the belt. Sling them low and around the hip, double 'em up or choose them extra wide for added appeal.

An effective hip-enhancing way to spice up a dull look is matching this accessory with jewelry by its color. That's why student Shawante George bought her extra-wide gold belt to match her gold earrings.

"It's all about the '80s, a decade of rock and glamour," said Rebecca Morris, sales manager at Express in Hickory Hollow Mall.

Junior Heather Bird purchased a grommet belt (a holed belt that contains silver or gold rings) for its "rock-star qualities."

Morris says their popular sellers in accessories include "the low hip-hugger belt in a variety of styles and textures and the western, big belt buckles." Junior Stephanie Sloan added a big belt buckle to update an old silver and ivory belt she purchased two years ago in Wyoming.

For a trendier twist, look for belt buckles adorned with rhinestones and studs.

Misty Racheco and Morgan Marlin, managers of Claire's Boutique in Stones River Mall, agree that these styles are hot this year. Their prices range from $8-20. In addition, Claire's woven desig belts are popular if you're wearing a relaxed style with accessories this season

Other new designs in outerwea accessories include the glittery texture belt, inspired by Gothic styles with adornments such as crosses or links. Skinn silver and gold chain belts, which was major style from last season, are makin slow comebacks this year.

Clueless on where to shop? Check out local retailers such as Express, Wet Seal, Bebe's, Charlotte Russe, The Gap and Hot Topic for the contemporary belts. Express prices star

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Trends

as low as $28 and range up to $68.

Tight on cash? Check your local thrift and vintage stores, such as the Outreach Thrift Store located on Northwest Broad Street, The prices start as low as $.25 and go as high as $2.50. Phase II, also located on Northwest Broad Street in the K-Mart Center, carries some Express belts priced from $5 to $12. Also, Nashville's Southern Thrift on Gallatin Pike has a variety of belts ranging from $.59 to $12. These places are known for having fashionable items from the past that are cheap. If they don't have the trendy styles you're looking for, go to Hobby Lobby to design your own creation.

Thrift stores aren't the only places to find bargains, through.

MTSU student Vanessa Hayes got a great deal with her grommet belt. It came free on a pair of JCPenney's Arizona jeans for $14.99.

Re-define menswear by wearing blets in unique textures. Marketing major Chad Delancy found a braided DKNY belt at T.J. Maxx. "This belt is great because it's adjustable," Delancy says.

'Holed out,' western buckles and woven styles are great ways to enhance your jeans or khakis. It can certainly create eye-catching attention and pull up those falling waistlines.

"Be careful," warns Kenneth Mount, recording industry major, when purchasing your new belts. He bought a grommet belt and it broke. "The 'pleather' styles are not as durable as leather," he says.

Whatever your preference may be, find an alternative frm the traditional leather brown and black belts from yesterday and buckle up. ⌘

Student Pilots

MTSU's Aerospace program

Nothing in the world can be more thrilling than flying through the air, 20 miles from your landing strip, knowing that you have absolute control over landing or staying afloat.

The aeronautics program trains future pilots with the skills needed to pilot commercial planes ranging from small, one-engine prop planes to Boeing 747 jumbo jets. Led by the new head flight instructor Gerry Garcia, the program guarantees to pump out students with skills that they need to go on and be professional pilots. The coursework is demanding, and many of its students drop out of the program before they finish.

Yet some find the time to do both school and still leave time for other work. One such student, Jonathan Meredith, is in his third semester in the program. Not only that, he also works as a resident assistant in Corlew Hall. He assists students in the First Year Experience program.

Meredith started in the aeronautics program when his best friend from high school suggested it. "I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life yet, but he really wanted to go to flight school here. He asked me to come with him, and I said 'why not?'"

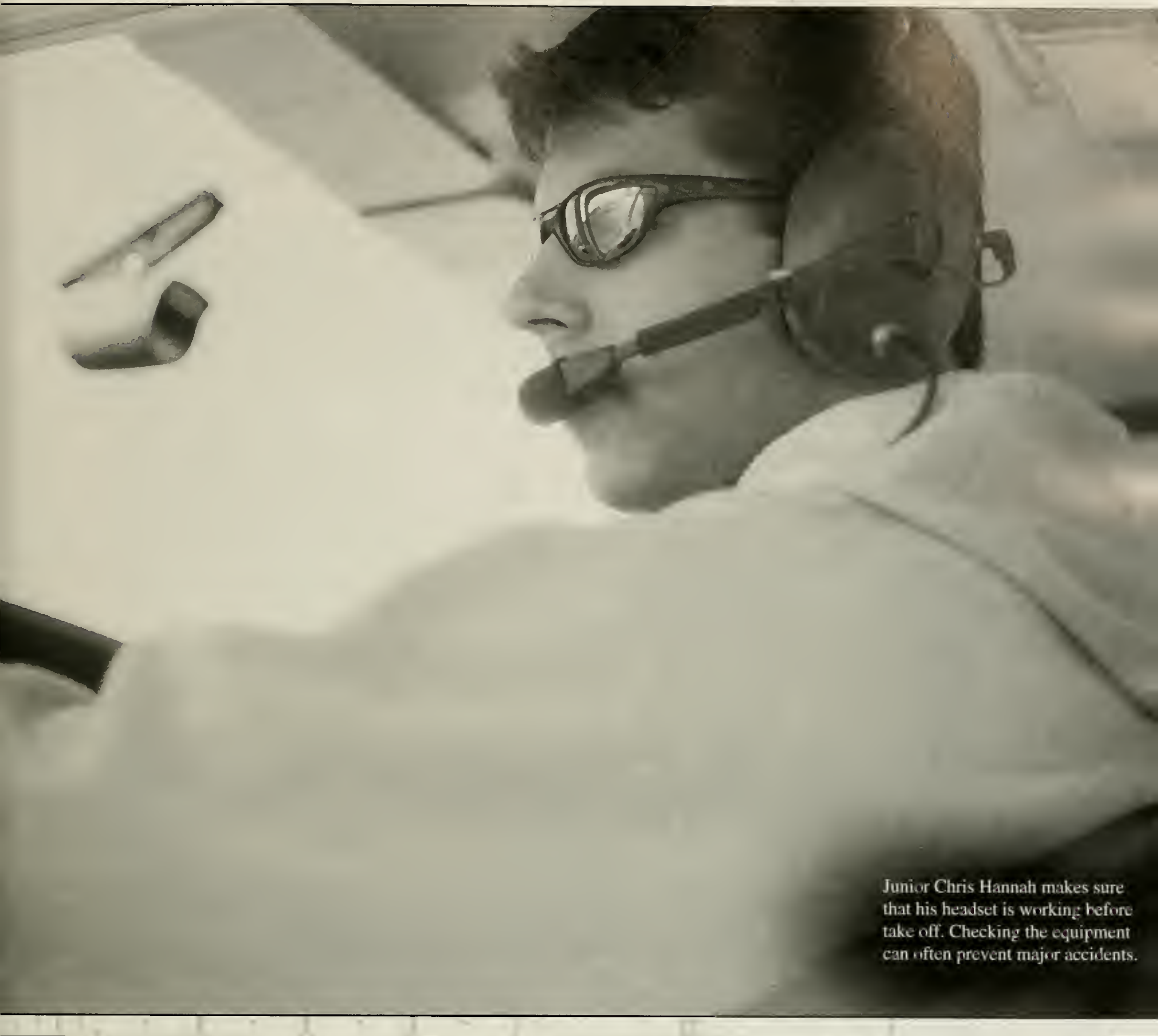
After a few semesters at MTSU, Meredith has learned a few things about the school. "If you want to go far in the program, you have to fly as often as you can. Freshmen come in and assume you can get the flight hours without trying too hard. But there will be some days when they [the control tower] won't let anyone fly because of the weather. Some days you'll go out and see 30 planes out in the air; the next day there'll be zero."

Middle's aerospace program is the only one of its kind in the Tennessee Board of Regents system. Each year, the program admits 150 students. As of November 2001, the senior advisor to the office of the NASA administrator, Sam Armstrong, made a visit to campus to recommend a grant for further development and research among NASA and the aerospace department. ⌘

Bottom, Left: Students and instructors must make sure that planes have been tied down and secured before they leave the airport.

Bottom, Middle: A sense of pride is felt by most pilots after they have been up in the air. Some students do not want to come down to solid ground again.

Bottom, Right: Completing a pre-flight inspection, this student pilot checks the oil. Once the all clear is announced pilots are excited to accelerate in the air.



Junior Chris Hannah makes sure that his headset is working before take off. Checking the equipment can often prevent major accidents.

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Student Organizations

Getting a Foot in the Door

Student organizations can enhance one's future

by Sarah Dennis

There is nothing like getting a head start in the race to success, and there is a place in the line-up for everyone. Undergraduates, as well as graduate students, have a long list of opportunities, literally stretching from one end of campus to the other, to choose from when it comes to being part of a student organization.

MTSU has more than 200 registered student organizations of all types There are elite honor societies, professional organizations, departmental organizations for nearly every major, recreational sports clubs, political groups, human interest groups, as well as Greek organizations of all types. There are groups that focus on community service and self help. There are organizations that focus on military, music, leadership, multicultural issues, university service, and leadership of women.

If that isn't enough, students may establish their own organizations provided they have at least five members, a faculty advisor and complete the required formalities consisting of a little paperwork.

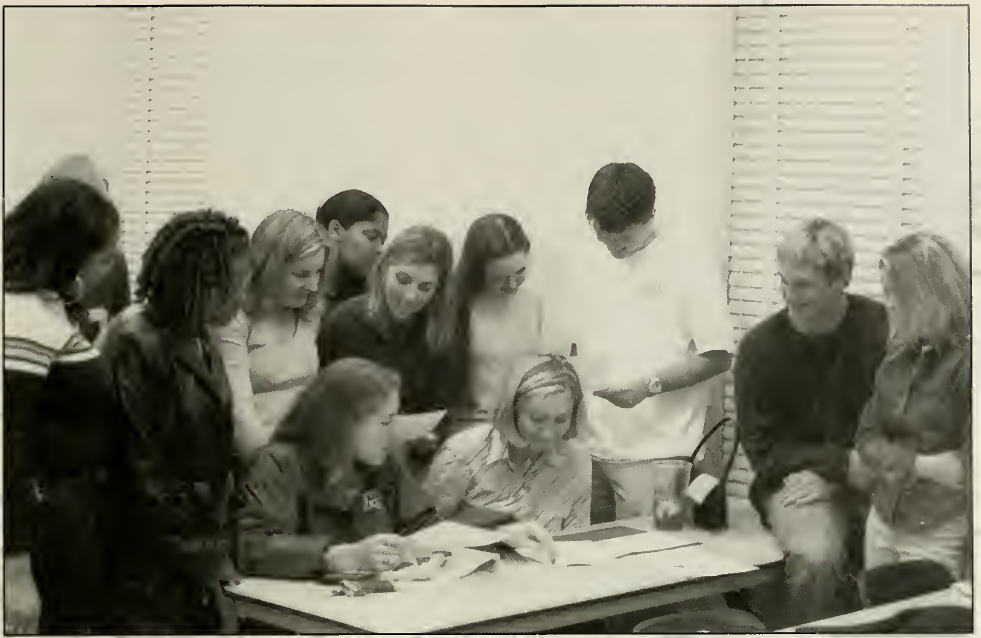
Students benefit in many ways by being involved in student organizations and other activities. Organizations are especially welcoming to new students on campus.

"My sorority has become my extended family," Elizabeth Duncan says of her years in Chi Omega. " They've proved many times over the past few years that I have a hundred people I can depend on. Being with people who support our community, MTSU, as well as each other, has made college life more meaningful."

Students involved in organizations and activities are provided with opportunities to understand the concept of leadership. They learn leadership ethics, styles, and effectiveness.

The opportunities available to students through the Public Relations Student Society of America are immeasurable. PRSSA provides knowledge and experience in networking, campaigns, and promotion that are critical to a career in public relations," explains Susuan Ghorbani, Public Relations Student Society of America president. "Student organizations create an edge that future employers look for and provide a future far beyond academics.

"The Advertising Club gives me insight into the world outside of college," explains Ben Hale, a member of MTSU's Advertising Club. "They bring in guest speakers who come to the meeting who actually work in advertising and explain not only what they do, but how they got where they are. Some of the guest speakers are former MTSU students, and they tell us what it is really like when you are trying to get hired after college. It has helped me understand the things I need to do in order to find a job after I graduate from college." ⌘



Up 'Til Dawn: The purpose of this organization is to plan and execute the 12-hour fundraising event benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Advertising Club: The purpose of this organization is to advance the knowledge of its members as to the workings of the professional world of advertising.

American Concrete Society: first row - Josh Cornwall (president), Josh Gaines (treasurer), Douglas Moore, Donna Lamb, Lucas Dougherty; **second row -** Kyle Huffman, Ben Petzinger (secretary), Greg Dorsh, Matt Dryden, Sean Von Delist (vice-president).

Circle K: first row - Lucy Goodwin, Stephanie Malone, Kristy Dalrymple, Rebecca Pickering (webmaster); **second row -** Lara James (vice-president), Justin Ward, Hugh Thomas Radar, Josh Burlison (president), Lisa Thomason (secretary/treasurer), Kelly Durcholz.

Baseball Club: Brandon Deal, Paul Bishop, and Tauras Wilson.

Mu Omicron Mu (MOM): An organization for student mothers, started by Rosemary Lewis and Kris Phillips in spring 2001. Their purpose is to help moms get through school and give them a support group to lean on when they need help. In addition, they want to make their fellow students and faculty more aware of how many student mothers there are on campus.

Students
for
Environmental Action

Students for Environmental Action: The purpose of this organization is to promote earth-friendly ways of living through education and non-violent action.

Student Ambassadors: front row - Michelle Gadson, Amy Calloway, Grace Henriksen, Latonya Irons (treasurer), Lisa Poepsel, Susan Wilson (secretary) and Misty Holt; **middle row -** Haley Hopper, Beth Franklin, Megan Hearon, Ashanti Smoot, Stephanie Plemons, Christa Clancy, Erica Butler, Laurie Cook and Jessica Heim (vice-president); **back row -** Reggie Thomas (president), James Mason, Jeremiah Lawson, Thomas Parker, Shawn Boyd, Gary Wiser, Timothy Scotton and Scott Hancock

The Urban Music Society: front row - Tiara Hairston, Jamila Dedrick, Erica Thompson; **middle row -** Hashim Wiley (Publicity Directory), Rashaad Mills, Shawn Whitsell (President), Mike Dillard (Vice-President), Renee Mose-Jones; **back row -** Kevin Mabin (A&R Director), Marvin Creech, Kaneesha Middlebrooks (Community Service Director), Marshall Dodson, Willie Nelson III (Treasurer).

Campus Crusade for Christ: An interdenominational Christian group. Their goal is to "Turn lost students into Christ centered laborers." They also had small group Bible studies and fellowship opportunities.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship: first row - Delia Topping, Steve Cross, Matt Green (officer), Kristin Walker (vice-president), Holly Rittenberry, Melanie Williams, Mindy Bullock (president), Dave Baughman, Mary Sigmon and Jennifer Williams; **second row -** Jeff Merrick, Rich Zeigler, Kara Prince and David Topping.

Champions for Christ/ Victory Campus Ministries: Champions for Christ: A ministry to atheletes with a mission to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ and to promote the building of christian leadership. **Victory Campus Ministries:** They are interested in winning the next generation for Christ on the college campuses while establishing them in Christian fellowship in the local church and training todays students for victorious Christian living and influencial leadership in tomorrows world then sending vibrant, young men and women to impact their campus and ultimately the world for Jesus Christ.

Alpha Omega: Their mission is to reach MTSU's campus with the gospel of Christ, seeking to impact college students to walk in holiness, obedience and truth.

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Anthropology Society: The purpose of this organization is to promote campus and community interest in anthropology through programs and opportunities of social, fraternal, and scientific interest.

Chemistry Club: The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, better known as the Chemistry Club, places pride in tutoring, community service, and undergraduate research. The club is involved in annual events including National Chemistry Week, when chemical demonstations are performed for elementary school students and Demomania, in which high school chemistry students are treated to one big show of demonstations. The members of the Chemistry Club gain many different perspectives on the field from guest speakers, field trips, and social events.

Alpha Eta Rho: The purpose of this organization is to actively associate the interested students of aviation with leaders and executives in the industry, while promoting a closer affiliation between the students of aviation for purposes of education and research. Recruitment is held at the beginning of each semester.

Nursing: The mission of the MTSU Student Nurses Association is to prepare nursing students for the responsibilities of being registered nurses by fostering membership in professional organizations and promoting student participation in activities relative to nursing. Our main goal is to aid in the development of the students as active, contributing citizens who foster an appreciation and understanding of modern nursing.

Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society: first row - Rachael Mahabir and Amy King; **second row -** Sarah Turner, Dr. Margaret Seime (faculty advisor), Phyllis Andrews, Katie Martin (treasurer) and Sandi Hines (president).

Student Journalist Association: first row - Robert Evans and Charlene Callier; **second row -** Colleen Cox, Angelica Journigan, Kristy Dalrymple, Patrick Chinnery and Lindsey Turner; **third row -** Rebecca Pickering and Pam Hudgens.

Alpha Kappa Psi: The Zeta Psi Chapter is the first and largest business fraternity on MTSU's campus. They are a fraternity building men and women into strong business leaders.

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Members of Kappa Delta celebrate with the trophy given to first place in the All-Sing competition. A lot of practice and time went into preparation for the Greek Life's biggest event

Members of Chi Omega anxiously wait backstage before their big performance. Discussing their routine, sorority sisters prepare to compete for the winner of All-Sing 2001 Competition.

All-Sing 2001

And the Winner is...

by James Evans

On Thursday, April 12, Tau Omicron hosted All-Sing in the Murphy Center. All-Sing, an annual competition, pits fraternities and sororities against each other with musical skits. Proceeds from this event are donated to a local charity; Tau Omicron raised $4,000 for Murfreesboro's Domestic Violence Shelter. Sororities performed skits which included theatrical parodies of *Mary Poppins, Annie* and *Peter Pan*. In this year's competition, Kappa Delta proved the sun will come out tomorrow by capturing first place in the female division and in the best overall category with their version of *Annie*. The skit featured the ladies dressed like orphans while they danced and performed songs such as the hit *Tomorrow*. Delta Zeta won second place in the female division for their parody of *Peter Pan*. In the men's division, the fraternities performed the men musical compilations including Kappa Alpha Order's *Play Me Some Tunes from the Good Ole Days* and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's *Motown*. Beta Theta Pi won first place for its performance titled *For the Seniors* and Pi Kappa Alpha won second for its show *Goin' South*.⌘

All-Sing 2001

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Right:
Kappa Alpha Order brings Southern hospitality with the Good Ole boys. This performance was one of the more humorous performances.

Left: Sigma Alpha Epsilon sing the hits of Mowtown.

Top: Alpha Omicron Pi wins a service award for bringing in the most canned goods. Service and charity work was a major part of participating in the Greek organizations.

Middle: Nick Levin, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, proposes to Angela Willet. This was not only a surprise to Willet, but the audience was also plesantly surprised.

Bottom: Kappa Delta begins their performance of *Annie*. Relief was one of the major emotions after each group had successfully completed their routine.

Bottom: Sorority sisters crowd around the first place trophy. Each wanting to get a chance to touch the lucky object.

Greek Life

Left: Sigma Chi brothers enjoy the festivities of a Greek party.

Below: Katie Boyd, Christy Carter and Christina Keistler are having a great time at a ZTA birthday party.

Opposite Page, Bottom: A Delta Zeta sister helps out during one of the fundraisers that was held during the year. Greek organizations members participated in community service and each aided in paying a monetary sum to a philanthropy.

Left: An Alpha Gamma Rho brother atttempts a hole-in-one at the Founder's Day Classic Golf Tournament. Money gained from this event went to support the fraternity and its philanthropy.

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Opposite Page: Sorority sisters from various sororities come together during CUSTOMS week to promote all the positive aspects of Greek Life. Enrollment rate drastically increased during the first couple of weeks into the fall semester. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Above: Alpha Chi Omega sisters work hard to cut and decorate pumpkins around Halloween time. All of the proceeds that Alpha Chi Omega raised was sent to the Domestic Violence Shelter. **photo by Andy Alexander**

Bottom, Left: Members of Alpha Omicron Pi enjoy mixers with other Greeks. This Homecoming Mixer was at Stampedes. Besides having fun and doing charity work, Greek members were required to maintain a certain GPA in order to be 2.5 elibable as a member of the National Panhellinic organizations. **photo provided**

Opposite Page: Sorority sisters and fraternity members celebrate during the Homecoming parade. Homecoming was a time for past Greek members to come back to visit with the current members. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Opposite Page: Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters wave a banner and exemplify school pride during the homecoming parade. Not having a float did not prevent AKA from having a good time anyway. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

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Alpha Chi Omega

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Last spring, Alpha Chi Omega made its debute into the Greek Life organizations on campus. The members of this organization were welcomed with open arms by the members of other sororities, fraternities and students. The sorority made a great contribution this past fall by hosting a pumpkin carving extravaganza outside of the Corlew dorm on campus. All of the proceeds that Alpha Chi Omega raised were sent to the Domestic Violence Shelter in Murfreesboro.

Founded: 1885

Chapter: Iota Chi

Colors: Scarlet and Olive

National Philanthropy: Domestic Violence

President: Stephanie Hitch

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Alpha Delta Pi

Founded: 1851

Chapter: Epsilon Tau

Colors: Azure Blue and White

National Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House

President: Hilary Barkley

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Alpha Delta Pi
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Founded: 1908

Chapter: Eta Psi

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

National Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House

President: Kristen Childress

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Alpha Omicron Pi

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This past fall, the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi held their fifth annual Smoke Arthritis Barbeque. The event was held during Middle Tennessee State University's Family Weekend. This event drew even more people than in the past because it was held behind the tailgating area before the big game against Idaho. All of the proceeds raised from this event went to Arthritis Reasearch. The proceeds exceeded 16,000 dollars.

Founded: January 2, 1897

Chapter: Rho Omicron

Color: Cardinal

National Philanthropy: Arthritis Research

President: Megan Hearon

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Chi Omega

Founded: 1895

Chapter: Zeta Theta

Color: Cardinal and Straw

National Philanthropy: Make a Wish

President: Melissa Elder

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Delta Zeta

Founded: October 24, 1902

Chapter: Iota Iota

Colors: Pink and Green

President: Ann Arians

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Kappa Delta

"Sometim... best place to
find yourself is to go to
the place where you
don't have to be
anything else...."

Κ Δ

Founded: 1897

Chapter: Delta Pi

Colors: Olive Green

National Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse of America, Girl Scouts and Childrens Hospital of Richmond

President: Elizabeth Guin

Δ Σ Θ

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Delta Sigma Theta

Founded: 1913

Chapter: Iota Tau

Colors: Crimson and Cream

President: Gail Boyd

Sigma Gamma Rho

The history of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., is that seven young women teachers of Indianapolis, Ind., had a dream of a legacy for greater service and achievement through higher education. These seven women then founded Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., on November 12, 1922, at Butler Univeristy.

Lambda Chi Chapter

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. established the Lambda Chi Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University in spring 1990. There were nine women who began a sisterhood that is continually growing. Since the 1990 chartering line, other women have found not only friendship, but a lasting unbreakable bond, and they will forever be known as sisters. The Lambda Chi Chapter is based on education, service and scholarship for all women who are furthering their education and wish to donate their time to give back to the community.

Σ Γ Ρ

Founded: 1922

Chapter: Lambda Chi

Color: Blue and Gold

National Philanthropy: Habitat for Humanity and Buckle Up America

President: Camille Essick

Z T A

Zeta Tau Alpha

Founded: October 24, 1902

Chapter: Iota Chi

Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray

National Philanthropy: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

President: Kelly Nadjkovic

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A Leader

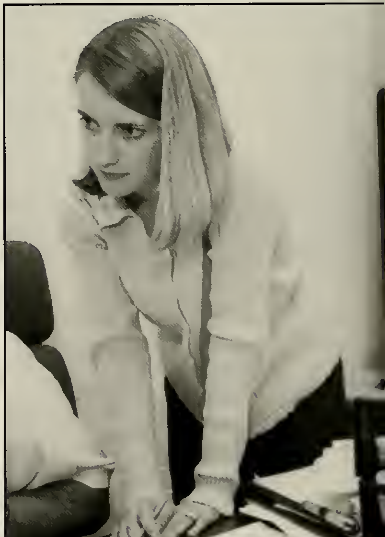
Maggie Prugh wants to give

When the former director of Greek Life, Victor Felts, resigned last April the Greek community was deeply saddened.

Emma May, president of Chi Omega, said that Felts had been an impeccable advisor to the Greek community. "He brought so much to our campus and we were so lucky to have him here," she said. "He brought more recognition to our campus than ever imaginable."

After his departure the Student Life office began to look for applicants. Almost a year later the position has still not been filled to a full-time status.

Former Student Organizations and Community Service director Maggie Prugh has since been moved to fill the position of interim Greek Life director until an applicant fitting the qualifications can



Takes on a New Position

back to students and keep them moving forward and focused

be hired.

Prugh graduated from Auburn University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio, TV and Film. She then moved on to UT-Knoxville to earn a masters of science in College Student Personnel.

One of the main reasons that Prugh chose to come to MTSU was because it reminded her of Auburn. "It's a big university in a small town," she explained. In addition, she says "the Student Affairs staff was energetic and seemed to enjoy their jobs. Also, the students I met were friendly and interested in doing their jobs."

Prugh has long been involved with Greek activities. She started out as a Delta Delta Delta at Auburn and served as their Assistant New Member Educator. She was also involved in Panhellenic as the head Rho Chi for more than 50 counselors.

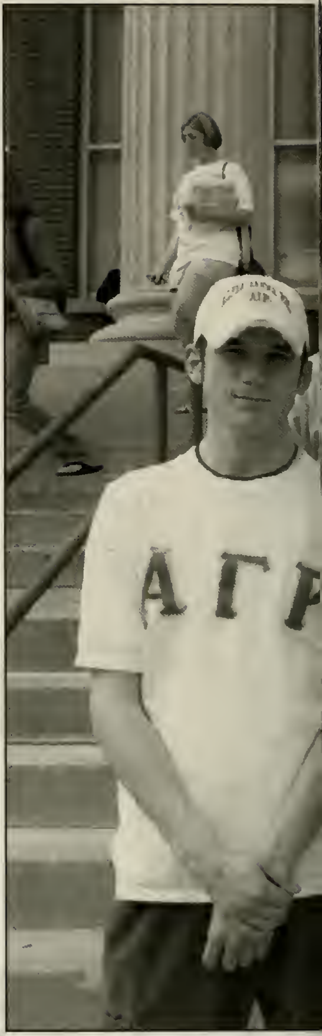
"Greek affiliation offers a lot of opportunities to grow as a person and to sharpen your leadership skills," she explains.

Prugh said she feels the Greek community contributes an enormous amount to MTSU.

"They are involved in all kinds of community service and hold several major leadership positions campus-wide," she says.

While involved with the Greek community as their interim director, Prugh wants to give something back to the students who have donated their time and talents to her activities and programs over the past three and a half years. "My goal as the interim Greek Advisor is to keep them moving forward and focused on their goals for the year," she said. ⌘

Right: During the first two weeks of school, current fraternity members encouraged other gentlemen to go through fraternity recruitment.



The Gentlemen of MTSU

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~ΚΑ~ΚΑΨ~ΚΣ~ΩΨΦ~

~ΦΒΣ~ΠΚΑ~ΣΑΕ~

~ΣΧ~ΣΝ~ΣΦΕ~ΤΚΑ~

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Right: Alpha Gamma Rho members enjoy Homecoming week because it gave them the chance to work with other Greeks. The trademark tractor that helped pull their float also helped them win first place in Homecoming float competition.

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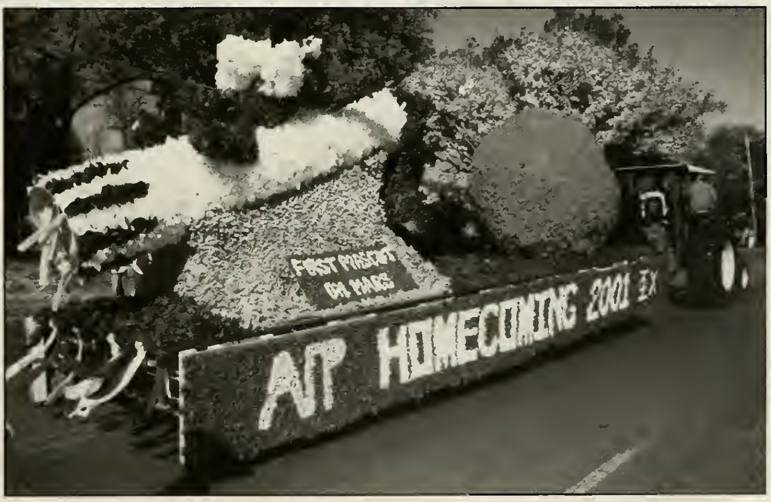
FIRST TRACTOR ON MARS
AΓP HOMECOMING 2001

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Alpha Gamma Rho

Toby
Gilley
COUNCIL
FOUNDER'S DAY

photo by Matthew H. Starling

Founded: 1904

Chapter: Beta Theta

Colors: Green and Yellow

President: Terry Moran

National Philanthropy: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Famous Members: Orville Redenbacher and Lee L. Morgan

Α Τ Ω

Alpha Tau Omega

photo by Matthew H. Starling

Founded: September 1865

Chapter: Eta Nu

Colors: Azure and Gold

President: Jason Ashburn

National Philanthropy: St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Famous Members: Greg Kinnear and Steve Spurrier

Founded: August 8, 1839

Chapter: Epsilon Theta

President: Kai Thietje

Colors: Pink and Blue

National Philanthropy: Burnt Children's Awareness Fund

Famous Members: George Peppard, Mike Schmidt and Sam Walton

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Beta Theta Pi

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Kappa Alpha Order

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This fall, Kappa Alpha Order teamed up with Alpha Omicron Pi to raise money for Kappa Alpha Order's national philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event was held at the Recreation Center and raised several hundred dollars for the foundation.

Founded: December 21, 1865

Chapter: Delta Lambda

Colors: Crimson and Old Gold

President: Jeremy McGuire

National Philanthropy: Muscular Dystrophy Association

Famous Members: Pat Boone and Gen. George Patton

Κ Σ

Kappa Sigma

photo by Matthew H. Starling

Founded: December 10, 1869

Chapter: Kappa Iota

President: Brandon Pickens

Colors: Scarlet, White and Emerald Green

National Philanthropy: Boys and Girls Club

Famous Members: Bob Dole, Jimmy Buffett and Robert Redford

Π Κ Α

Pi Kappa Alpha

photos by Matthew H. Starling

This fall, Pi Kappa Alpha held its annual Fall Festival event with Alpha Omicron Pi. At this event, the members of both organizations prepared games, a haunted house, face painting and other activities for the children from the Boys and Girls Club.

Founded: March 1, 1868

Chapter: Eta Zeta

President: Jamin Humpress

Colors: Garnet and Gold

National Philanthropy: Big Brothers of America

Famous Members: Jon Stewart, Tim McGraw and Ted Kopple

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Σ Α Ε

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon host the Miss MTSU pageant each year. This is a preliminary pageant for the Miss Tennessee pageant. This pageant is a good way for the women of Middle Tennessee State University to show off their talent and even receive scholarship money. The proceeds of this event go to the philanthropy that the members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon choose.

Founded: March 19, 1856

Chapter: Tennessee Beta

President: Ben Leyhew

Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold

National Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Famous Members: Troy Aikman and David Spade

ΣΧ

Sigma Chi

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Founded: January 1, 1869

Chapter: Eta Gamma

President: Brett Edwards

Colors: Blue and Old Gold

National Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Famous Members: David Letterman, John Wayne and Brad Pitt

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Sigma Nu

photo by Matthew H. Starling

This spring at MTSU's Greek Awards, Sigma Nu was one of the top winners. The gentlemen received such awards as: Greek Man of the Year, presented to Jason Goforth; Male Athlete of the Year, received by Allen Hunt; the Recruitment Ethics Award and the Community Service Award for having the most community service hours per person for a fraternity. Along with its awards, Sigma Nu also hosted its annual "To Jack and Back." This is an event that the fraternity organizes in order to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. This event includes riding bicycles from Page High School to Lynchburg.

Founded: January 1, 1869

Chapter: Theta Iota

President: Josh Pounders

Colors: Black and Gold

National Philanthropy: Habitat for Humanity

T K E

Tau Kappa Epsilon

photo by Matthew H. Starling

Founded: 1899

Chapter: Sigma Omicron

President: Mike Ceccarelli

Colors: Cherry and Gray

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Jennifer

Amanda

Leslie

Susan

Mike

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Johnathon

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Jessica

blueprints for individuality

Lola Carvalho

At 83, grandmother Carvalho earns 4th MTSU degree

by Randy Weiler

This fall, Lola Carvalho will begin a quest to earn her fifth degree from MTSU. Affectionately known as "Miss Lola," she cooked and served her favorite potato-and-sour-cream casserole and fruit cobblers (to go with barbecue) for about 60-70 family members and friends. The celebration followed the May 12 graduation ceremony at Murphy Center where she was conferred a fourth degree--a bachelor's in Spanish.

All the degrees are quite an accomplishment for Carvalho, an 83-year-old mother and grandmother, who did not begin college until 1977 when many of MTSU's 19,000-plus student body were not even born. She will be among the nation's oldest graduates this spring.

"I need something to keep my mind working," Carvalho said of her deliberate method of taking college courses. "If you stay home and sleep all day, pretty soon you just go backwards instead of going forward."

Carvalho, a secretary for most of her working years, earned a two-year associate's degree in law enforcement in 1987 during a time when she worked for the state probation department. In August 1990, she received a bachelor's in criminal justice. Four years later, she earned her master's in sociology.

A native of Eagleville, Carvalho said she chose to pursue this current degree to communicate better with Spanish-speaking students. She teaches English as a second language at North Boulevard Church of Christ. She also plans to visit friends in Brazil, where she lived for 12 years with her late husband, who was from that country.

"Since I was helped so much in Brazil, I wanted to give back something that was given to me," she said. "I may not be able to do it, but I'll try."

This semester, Carvalho maintained a 3.0 average in the Spanish class taught by Dr. Nuria Novella, assistant professor, foreign languages. Carvalho said she enjoys being in class with younger students, who treat her with kindness and respect.

Carvalho still drives and remains active in the community. In addition to her volunteer teaching and attending worship services at her church, she volunteers for Hospice of Murfreesboro, is part of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and bakes a cake once a month for Meals-On-Wheels.

She is a member of Older Wiser Learners, a part of the Adult Services Center for non-traditional students working toward a degree. She has been involved with this group since the inception of the program.

"Lola received the Oldest OWL award several years ago," said Dr. Carol Ann Baily, director, Adult Services Center. "With this degree, she is once again the oldest adult learner seeking a degree at MTSU."

Baily said Carvalho takes advantage of a state program that allows senior citizens to enroll in classes on a space-available basis for a total maximum $75 tuition per semester.

Seniors

Larita Adams
Murfreesboro, Tn

Abass Alhassan
Lavergne, Tn

Joanne Aluka
Augusta, Ga

Phyllis Andrews
Murfreesboro, Tn

Christi Angel
S. Richmond Hill, Ny

Joseph Aquino
Antioch, Tn

Emily Armes
Joelton, Tn

Julie Armstrong
Shelbyville, Tn

Jeremy Austin
Shelbyville, Tn

Scott Avery
Bainbridge, Ga

Ebunlomo Baker
Antioch, Tn

Sameka Ballard
Memphis, Tn

Darren Barthel
Murfreesboro, Tn

Beverly Baskette
Goodlettsville, Tn

Courtney Bates
Ripley, Tn

Amber Beckham
Nashville, Tn

Cheryl Bevill
Smyrna, Tn

Alonzo Black
Gallatin, Tn

Brent Blackwood
Ethridge, Tn

Shenall Booker
Nashville, Tn

Cynthia Borne
Tullahoma, Tn

Jamie Bosch
Smyrna, Tn

Gail Boyd
Brownsville, Tn

Tanko Braimah
Murfreesboro, Tn

Jennifer Bratcher
Woodbury, Tn

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Cordova, Tn

Heather Bridges
Lebanon, Tn

Anabella Brown
Murfreesboro, Tn

Holly Brown
Lewisburg, Tn

Keath Brown
Murfreesboro, Tn

Dornin Bunkley

Joanna Burgess
Murfreesboro, Tn

Lish Burgess
Memphis, Tn

Sean Buschkotter
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Amy Butler
Murfreesboro, Tn

Richard Butler
Milton, Tn

John Caldwell
Nashville, Tn

Joshua Campbell
Hillsboro, Tn

Juan Canedo
Antioch, Tn

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Murfreesboro, Tn

Betty Carden
Winchester, Tn

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Lavergne, Tn

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Murfreesboro, Tn

Cameron Chaney
Loudon, Tn

Whitney Childs
Kingston, Tn

Eun-Jin Cho
Murfreesboro, Tn

Rae Clarke
McMinnrille, Tn

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Murfreesboro, Tn

Courtney Cooke
Chattanooga, Tn

Cameron Cooley
Normandy, Tn

Kathryn Corino
Franklin, Tn

Tansy Crawford
Smyrna, Tn

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Humboldt, Tn

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Princeton, Wv

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Selmer, Tn

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Rock Island, Tn

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Kimberly Deckard
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Old Hickory, Tn

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Murfreesboro, Tn

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Nashville, Tn

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Murfreesboro, Tn

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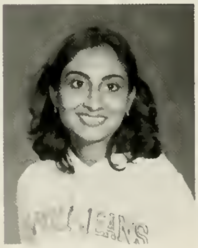
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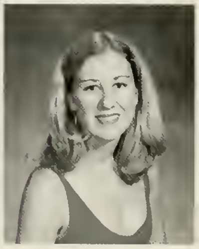
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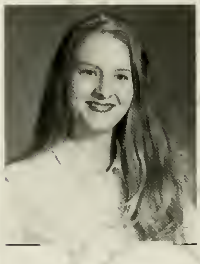
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people

Remembering *Patrick Couch*

Thanks, MTSU for the way you embraced our son...

by Sandra and Jim Couch

It's been just over one year since our son Patrick died doing what he loved to do--flying an airplane. We have experienced many emotions with the passage of that tragic anniversary, but one that we wanted to communicate to the university is how much Patrick enjoyed going to MTSU and the supportive relationship he had with many people who helped him along the way.

Patrick always had a passion for flying, beginning with his first flight at age 14. He was a gifted, competitive swimmer and an Eagle Scout. Patrick was a senior at MTSU, and was working for a local company as a flight instructor. With Patrick and his student on board, the plane went down just after takeoff from Murfreesboro Airport last July. Through his skill he was able to avoid the houses in the residential development where the plane crashed. His student survived the crash, but Patrick died the next day, which was one month after his 27th birthday.

We had almost lost Patrick once before, seven years ago when he was in a near fatal motorcycle accident. The head and ankle injury that resulted from the crash required him to completely re-learn many of life's skills. During his lengthy recovery period, he made it clear his greatest desire was to finish college and to become a commercial pilot. He attended three colleges and three technical schools. Despite some ups and downs with his studies, and the fact that he had to repeat some courses, his determination and passion for flying never waned.

Initially, because he was having trouble with many basic study skills, he struggled to learn, and quite honestly many of the schools did not encourage him in his efforts. We were told on more than one occasion by various schools they did not think he could succeed in college. I think it is important to mention that Patrick was adamant that he was going to finish college and he wasn't going to give up. Watching him persevere was hard at times, but his mission was to graduate from college and become a professional pilot, and it was heartening to see him work so hard on his goal.

In 1999, he enrolled in MTSU and the faculty in the aerospace department took an immediate liking to him and encouraged him both in his academics and in his efforts to become a flight instructor. Two faculty members, Stephen Gossett and Terry Dorris, took a special interest in Patrick and worked with him above and beyond what the other schools had done. Mr. Gossett even gave Patrick his home phone number and told him to call whenever he needed any extra help.

Patrick was overwhelmed by this sincere show of concern for him and his efforts to graduate. He would often share with us his efforts at school, the encouragement he was getting and his appreciation of the school.

As Patrick began to excel in his school work, his enthusiasm for flying and excitement at being a flight instructor carried over into his friendships and he readily shared his knowledge and skills with his peers. The seven years between the time of his first accident and last year was a very special time for us. A part of that special time was MTSU's belief in our son and his dream.

No one at MTSU could possibly know how much it meant to Patrick to attend there, and what all the extra help he received meant to him. Patrick considered it a privilege to attend MTSU and was looking forward to graduation this year.

Now that he is gone we are doing our best to spread the good word about MTSU and have started a scholarship in Patrick's honor. We know he would be glad to help someone else meet their dreams. Thank you for helping him follow his.

Seniors

people

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Dickson, Tn

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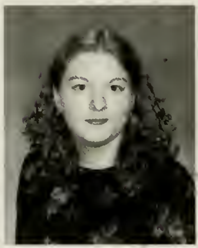
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Nakisha Roddy
Memphis, Tn

Catherine Rolen
Knoxville, Tn

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Morristown, Tn

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VETERAN

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Chattanooga, Tn

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Hohenwald, Tn

Matthew Starling
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Tullahoma, Tn

Michael Thompson
Antioch, Tn

Samuel Thompson
Memphis, Tn

Shelaine Thompson
Iron City, Tn

Sarah Tomlinson
Murfreesboro, Tn

Adrienne Trammell
Murfreesboro, Tn

Sean Van Delist
San Antonio, Tx

M. Vanatta-Davis
Smithville, Tn

Robin Wallace
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Rachael Walters
Murfreesboro, Tn

Amanda Warburton
Mount Juliet, Tn

Marcus Washington
Memphis, Tn

Nicholas Washington
Murfreesboro, Tn

Amanda Wheatley
Franklin, Tn

Jessica Willett
Murfreesboro, Tn

Corbin Williams
Columbia, Tn

Katie Williams
Fayetteville, Tn

Latrice Williams
Nashville, Tn

Jimmie Wilson
Murfreesboro, Tn

Mary Wilson
Murfreesboro, Tn

Scott Witherow
Columbia, Tn

Amanda Witt
Murfreesboro, Tn

Jennifer Woodall
Murfreesboro, Tn

Raddall Woodard
Springfield, Tn

people

James Yeiser
Lexington, Tn

Kimberly Young
Cookeville, Tn

Miranda Young
Robbins, Tn

Stephen Seifert

Student takes folk music to Japan

By Jennifer Allen and Lisa L. Rollins

The music of the Appalachians and other American folk music define who we are as Americans. These musical styles have been part of our country's heritage for centuries, and for one MTSU student, keeping the music of our nation's heritage alive has turned into a full-time job.

Stephen Seifert recently performed the historic music of Appalachia during a month-long Japan-based American Music Festival in Tono, a small city in northeastern Japan.

Seifert, who specializes in playing folk music on the "mountain" dulcimer, performed before a crowd of about 600 people at the inaugural American Music Festival in Japan, which was held Oct. 4 through Nov. 4.

During a recent interview, Seifert said he thought it would be a challenge to perform in front of the large crowd with a small instrument such as the dulcimer, which is a narrow, hourglass-shaped stringed instrument having three or four strings and a fretted fingerboard.

Most people living around Tono had never heard of a dulcimer, remarked the Nashville-based player, who studied classical and jazz piano at the University of Kentucky before enrolling at MTSU in 1994. "I played mostly traditional American hymns and fiddle tunes. The audience was much more reserved than the American audiences I'm used to," he added. "I was told to expect mild applause. I had a translator. I made a few jokes, but they only laughed at one. Oh, well."

After the concert, Seifert, who does not speak Japanese, taught a small class on how to play the dulcimer. He said he "barely" learned some Japanese; namely, phrases such as "hello," "nice to meet you" and "thank you."

Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, economics professor and director of the Japan-U.S. Center at MTSU, said Seifert's musical contribution to the Tono community is a labor of love. "Teaching music is his passionate volunteer work in the community," said Kawahito, who is quick to note that Seifert was responsible for organizing Tono's first-ever Christmas Concert in 2000.

Through his dedication to sharing American music and its varied forms, "Stephen has added a new cultural dimension to the tradition-rich community of 30,000 people," Kawahito said.

Although the Oct. 20 concert in Japan was not Seifert's first concert, it certainly won't be his last, either, noted the musician, who's also performed in Texas, Illinois and Kentucky this year. A dulcimer player for the past 10 years, Seifert saw and bought his first dulcimer in 1991 at a Cincinnati Dulcimer Club meeting.

"My great-grandmother was always talking about old-time music in Kentucky and Tennessee," he said. "Playing the dulcimer seemed like a good way to learn about that kind of music."

Seifert said he learned how to play the dulcimer by ear and by reading sheet music. He would get together with other dulcimer players and try to emulate what they were doing.

"I know that I'm fortunate in that I've got to do just about everything musically that I've ever dreamed about," he said. "Now, I daydream about having my degree and not being so selfish. I'm currently taking what I hope will be my last two classes before graduation."

Among his favorite musical experiences are getting worldwide radio play as a dulcimer soloist with the Nashville Chamber Orchestra on the Warner Classical Label and playing in front of former President Jimmy Carter, Seifert said.

Undergraduates

people

Fadia Abdelkader
Murfreesboro, Tn

Ron Akins
Murfreesboro, Tn

Laurie Albee
Antioch, Tn

Andrew Alexander
Kingston Springs, Tn

Kimberly Alsobrook
Nashville, Tn

Cristina Alvarez
Nashville, Tn

Jessica Anderson
Hendersonville, Tn

Jonathan Appleby
Old Hickory, Tn

Tianca Ashford
Chattanooga, Tn

James Bacchus
Memphis, Tn

Bradley Ballard
Murfreesboro, Tn

Paul Bishop
Murfreesboro, Tn

Melanie Blair
Lavergne, Tn

Robert Bobbitt
Bourough, Tn

Alex Bogle
Murfreesboro, Tn

Preston Bonner
Chattanooga, Tn

Eric Breedlove
Franklin, Tn

William Briggs
Murfreesboro, Tn

Lindsay Brown
Hendersonville, Tn

Robert Brown
Hendersonville, Tn

Shanna Brown
Hendersonville, Tn

Laura Buhler
Murfreesboro, Tn

Reed Caldwell
Murfreesboro, Tn

Tiffany Carpenter
Lebanon, Tn

Heather Carter
Murfreesboro, Tn

Katherine Carter
Loretto, Tn

Khanh Chau
Nashville, Tn

Kristal Clayton
Nashville, Tn

Kelly Clowers
Murfreesboro, Tn

Kimberly Collins
Hendersonville, Tn

people

Undergraduates

Mary Colon
South Pittsburg, Tn

Joshua Conway
Murfreesboro, Tn

Lisa Criswell
Franklin, Tn

Steve Cross
Kingsport, Tn

Tanisha Custer
Chattanooga, Tn

Bryant Dennis
Murfreesboro, Tn

Timothy Duncan
Murfreesboro, Tn

Cassandra Esaka
Henderson, Tn

Joshua Evans
Greenbrier, Tn

Lauren Evans
Smyrna, Tn

Robert Evans
Louisville, Ky

John Farhangi
Nashville, Tn

Jennean Farmer
Murfreesboro, Tn

Bethany Farr
Manchester, Tn

James Ferguson
Manchester, Tn

Elliott Fisher
Murfreesboro, Tn

Michael Fisher
Shelbyville, Tn

Amy Ford
Hendersonville, Tn

Crystal Foust
Crossville, Tn

Arisha Freeman
Eagleville, Tn

Nicholas Ganmon
Memphis, Tn

Andrew Garrison
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Tara Garrison
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Corey Geanes
Bolivar, Tn

Timmy Gibson
Murfreesboro, Tn

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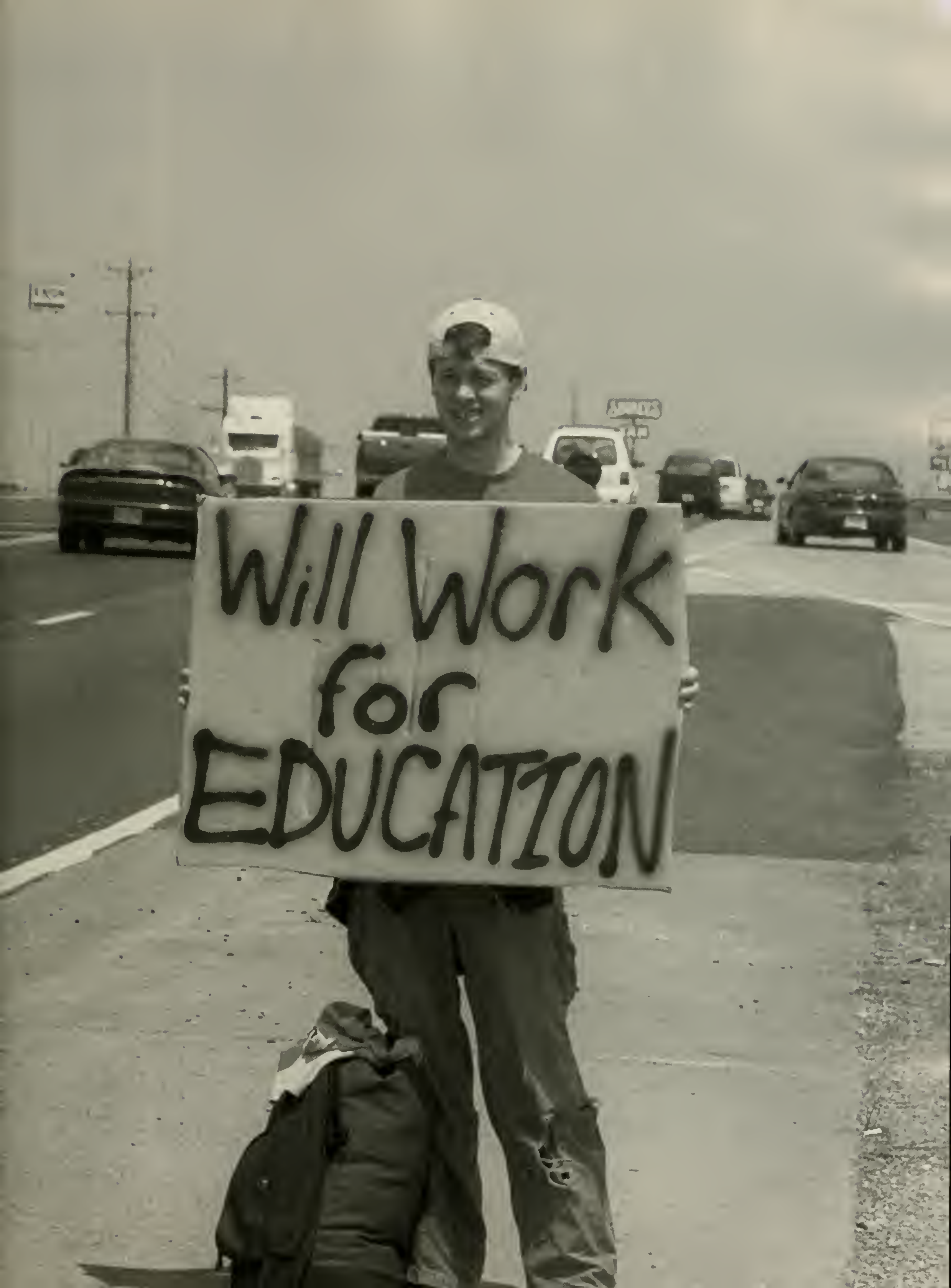
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Undergraduates

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Murfreesboro, Tn

Benjamin Gooch
Gallatin, Tn

Michelle Good
Antioch, Tn

Erica Grant
Hermitage, Tn

Emily Griffin
Hendersonville, Tn

Holly Haggard
Waynesboro, Tn

Amanda Hardaway
Nashville, Tn

Rachael Hardeman
Murfreesboro, Tn

Maria Hargis
Old Hickory, Tn

Zerick Harper
Charlotte, Tn

Andrea Harrell
Finger, Tn

Kasimu Harris
Murfreesboro, Tn

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Jessica Heim
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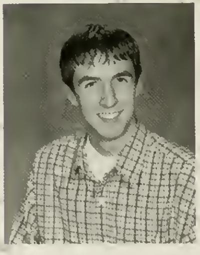
Culloden, Wv

Emily Hill
Powell, Tn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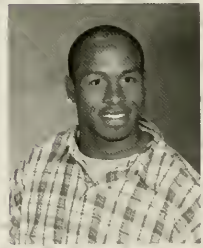
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Jennifer Howard
Oakridge, Tn

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Murfreesboro, Tn

Cindy Hudgens
Selmer, Tn

Blaine Huffman
Murfreesboro, Tn

Kyle Huffman
Murfreesboro, Tn

Kay Hugh
Murfreesboro, Tn

Audrey James
Murfreesboro, Tn

Arkendra Johnson
Murfreesboro, Tn

Millini Johnson
Chattanooga, Tn

Chiquicia Jones
Murfreesboro, Tn

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people

Gregg Kirven
Sewanee, Tn

Brian Ladd
Chapel Hill, Tn

Brent Lail
Maryville, Tn

Kimberly Lay
Murfreesboro, Tn

Chris Lee
Michie, Tn

Jessica Logan
Murfreesboro, Tn

Brian Lowery
Milan, Tn

Allison Lunsford
Millington, Tn

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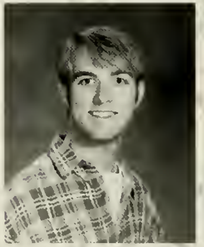
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London, Tn

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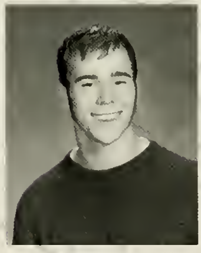
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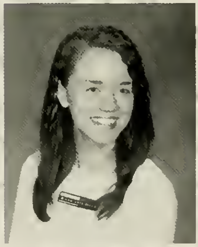
Stewart, Tn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Pulaski, Tn

Kentral Moore
Jackson, Tn

Jessica Muse
Murfreesboro, Tn

Jennifer Neas
Greeneville, Tn

Lakisha Newby
Murfreesboro, Tn

Student designs her way to three national fashion awards

Jennifer Stone

By Gina Logue

Murfreesboro native Jennifer Stone, an MTSU textiles merchandising and design major, recently won two first-place honors and one third-place award at the Fashion Group International Dallas Career Day, a national competition in Dallas.

Stone, who graduated in December, took first place in the wool garment category for a gray ball gown with black and satin puffs around the hem, sleeves and collar. The outfit was lined in blue satin.

Stone says the costume that took top honors in the fantasy theater category was inspired by Cirque du Soleil, the Canadian troupe of acrobats and clowns whose performances are characterized by colorful flights of fancy. The yellow outfit, with miniature red and blue stripes and a white overskirt, has a collar reminiscent of a sunburst. And when it came to the garment's creation, Stone says, she incorporated "celestial elements" in her design.

As for the dress that yielded third place for best in show, it's what Stone calls a "re-interpretation" of a Victorian-era design from an 1896 copy of Harper's Bazaar magazine.

"I love corsets and historical elements. I think modern garments tend to be too plain and comfortable for my taste," she says.

In spite of nabbing three awards at the national contest in Texas, Stone says she does not aspire to become the next Donna Karan or Vera Wang, creating contemporary fashions for supermodels to show off as they slink down the runway. Instead, this "designing woman" prefers to be backstage at a Broadway theater, working on "truly artful garments" for a play or musical that depends heavily upon costumes.

On an apparel design tour to New York, Stone saw the Elton John-Tim Rice production of Aida. She says she especially admires the costumes in that musical, calling them "very creative, very exciting."

Stone says her MTSU education has taught her a great deal about her craft. The senior, whose minor is in theatrical design, says she has learned about the strengths and weaknesses of various fabrics, and she has found out more about how patterns are made.

Theresa Robinson, human sciences, says, "The apparel design program at MTSU offers a variety of design-oriented courses, preparing students to enter positions related to design and pattern-making and manufacturing."

Stone says her grandmother taught her how to embroider and quilt. However, her work on costumes was born of necessity when she had to make her own outfits for a local Renaissance fair.

While Stone's financial resources are somewhat limited, she says she is very thrifty when it comes to purchasing fabric and other necessities.

"I will travel an hour away just to go to a discount fabric store, and I will buy yards of fabric that I might not know what I'm going to do with, but I know I want to do something with it."

Undergraduates

people

Tiffany Noble
Murfreesboro, Tn

Kendria Oglesby
Nashville, Tn

Dragana Opacic
Murfreesboro, Tn

Joshua Pankey
Humboldt, Tn

Lakesha Parker
Chattanooga, Tn

Laura Parks
Mount Juliet, Tn

Adam Patterson
Herndon, Va

Fallan Person
St Louis, Mo

Tataneshia Pinchon
Smyrna, Tn

Matthew Polman
Mount Juliet, Tn

Christle Price
Murfreesboro, Tn

Andrew Purrington
Murfreesboro, Tn

Lateefah Ray
Spring Hill, Tn

Robin Ritchey
McMinnville, Tn

Sanaz Saadat
Nashville, Tn

Kenny Sanders
Woodbury, Tn

Rachel Sanders
Powell, Tn

Andrey Scruton
McKenzie, Tn

Brian Seadorf
Murfreesboro, Tn

Wesley Selbe
Henderson, Tn

Thomas Semaj
Memphis, Tn

Daniel Shipman
Unoxville, Tn

Erica Simmons
Collierville, Tn

Scott Slone
Ashville, Al

Crystal Smith
Murfreesboro, Tn

Marjorie Smith
Nashville, Tn

Rachel Smith
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Shakira Sparrow
Lewisburg, Tn

Lori Spriggs
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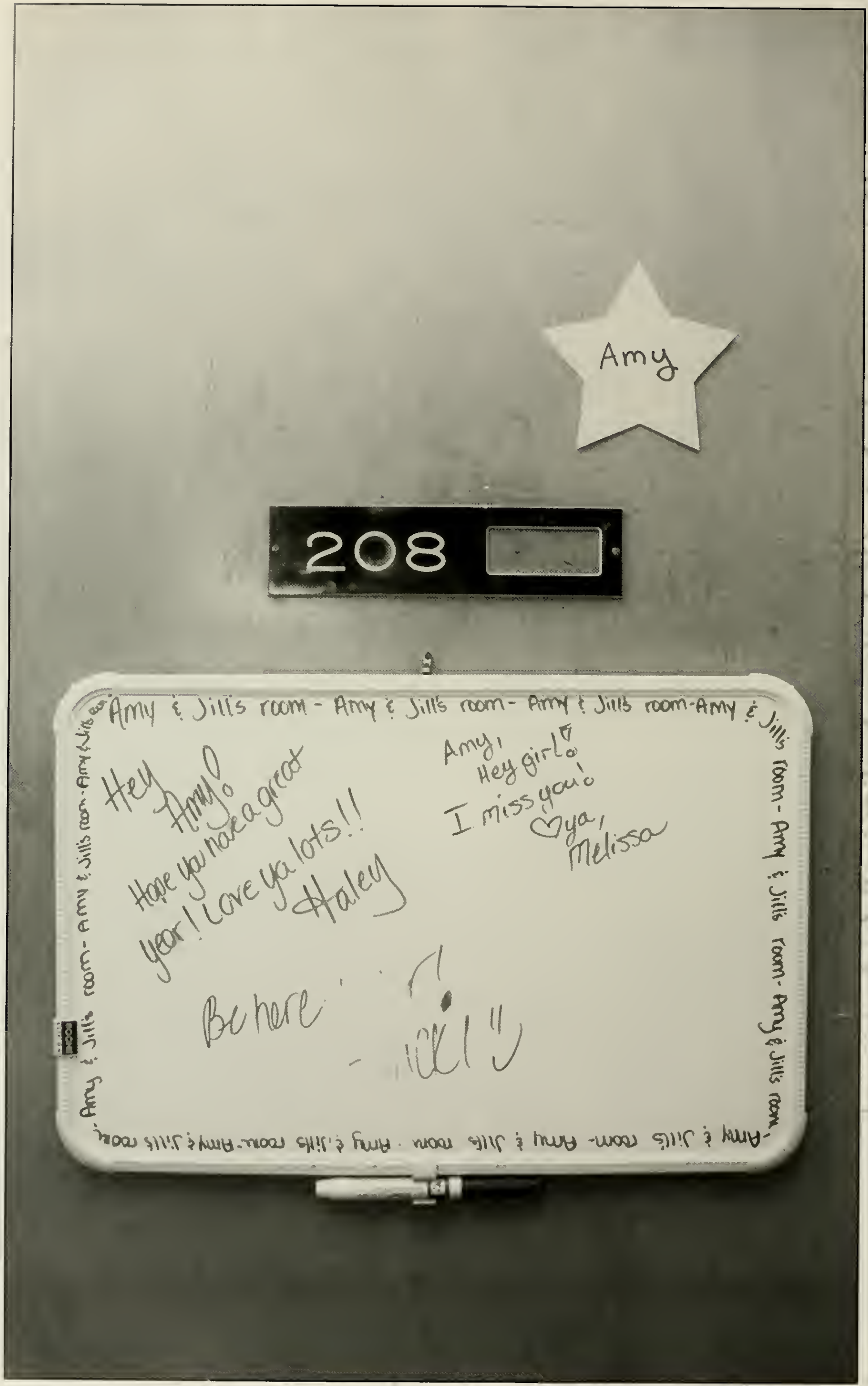
Monica Starks
Murfreesboro, Tn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Amy, Hey girl! I miss you! ♡ya, Melissa
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Jon Sutherland
Murfreesboro, Tn

Nathaniel Swann
Brentwood, Tn

Joseph Towner
Murfreesboro, Tn

Lisa Travers
Nashville, Tn

Christopher Treidel
Murfreesboro, Tn

Kristine Vasquez
Spencer, Ny

Stacie Wacaster
Murfreesboro, Tn

Jonathan Wade
Murfreesboro, Tn

Brooke Walker
Murfreesboro, Tn

Nick Walker
Murfreesboro, Tn

Denine Warner
Nashville, Tn

Stephen Watkins
Murfreesboro, Tn

Brandon Watson
Nashville, Tn

Kristin Watson
Smyrna, Tn

Matthew Webster
Murfreesboro, Tn

Charles Weir
Antioch, Tn

Natasha Wells
Mount Juliet, Tn

Eddie West
Memphis, Tn

Brian Westerman
Forest, Va

Nicole Wilcher
Morrison, Tn

Leslye Williams
Chattanooga, Tn

Kristine Williamson
Lebanon, Tn

Rachel Wilson
Murfreesboro, Tn

Timia Winstead
Lavergne, Tn

Marsha Yates
Murfreesboro, Tn

A true Hero

by Tom Tozer

Robert "Doye" Rowland is a lucky guy. He was in the right place when his heart stopped. Rowland was playing basketball with family members in the Recreation Center on Nov. 9, when he suddenly collapsed. His nephew, Michael, a MTSU freshman, called for help. Senior Adrian Edsall, who was on duty at the front desk, grabbed the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), ran to where Rowland lay, felt no pulse, and immediately administered a shock to the 52-year-old's heart. After just one shock, Rowland woke up.

"When I heard the words 'administer shock,' I knew I had to do it even though it was a hard thing to do," Edsall recently told reporters, while pausing momentarily to swallow the lump in his throat. Edsall and Rowland met for the first time at a news conference held a few days later.

"I don't remember anything about the incident," Rowland noted. "All I do recall is that I was trying to get up, and people were telling me just to sit there. I didn't know what had happened."

What happened was that Rowland suffered cardiac arrest, even though he said he experienced no advanced symptoms and no pain whatsoever. According to figures, there is only about a 5 percent survival rate nationwide in this kind of situation unless help is administered almost immediately. The survival rate in Rutherford County is about half that rate. Emergency officials attribute Rowland's being alive to the calm demeanor, quick action and cool heads of both Edsall and Michael Rowland.

"I feel like we've received the most tremendous blessing that is possible," said Rowland's wife, Betty, an executive aide in the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center on campus. "This could have happened anywhere, at work, at home, on the tennis court, jogging, anywhere. It happened at a place where the equipment was available, where there were personnel who could operate the equipment and had the proper training. Everything worked right that needed to work right."

According to the American Heart Association, this was the first AED save in Tennessee by a civilian--and also the first AED save by anyone--civilian or emergency personnel--in Rutherford County.

"I have always been proud of our staff and our student staff, and now you know why," said Dr. Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs. "This incident is a reflection of the care taken in having the right people with the right skills in the right place. Having said that, it is still important to note that knowledge and skills are useless without calm and courage."

Charlie Gregory, Recreation Center director, acknowledged the fine work of his staff. "I can't express how proud I am of the entire Rec Center staff, and how happy I am that Doye Rowland is doing fine and will play basketball again," he said. "I commend Ray Wiley, my assistant, who is in charge of Red Cross training for our staff for these kinds of emergencies and for the quick thinking of Michael and Adrian. And of course, we're all grateful to the American Heart Association and the Christy-Houston Foundation for making the AEDs available."

Two years ago, the Christy-Houston Foundation contributed $340,000 for 90-plus AED machines throughout the county, including the Recreation Center. Rowland went back to work Nov. 26 and is doing well, Betty Rowland said. Doye Rowland is the Environmental Assistance Center manager for the Tennessee Department for Environment and Conservation.

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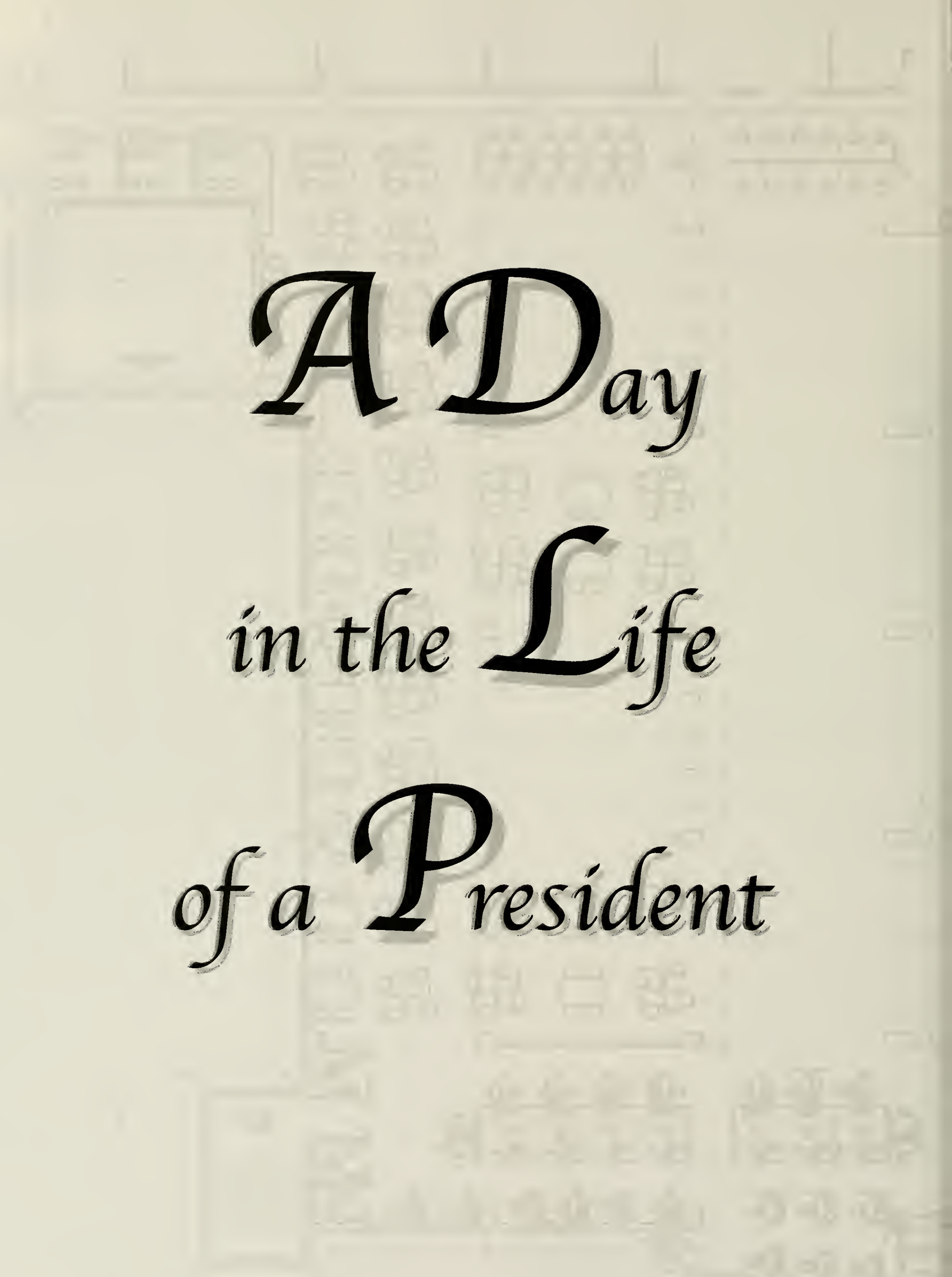


A Day in the Life of a President

It's 6:30a.m. The mist is still on the grass and the day begins with the traditional walking of the dog. Whether you are John Q. Public or the new president of one of the fastest growing universities, you still have a job to do – even if it is walking the dog. Dr. Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University's new president knows only a busy schedule and each day is nothing different.

McPhee's day starts around 4:30 a.m. lasting well into the night, usually around 10 p.m. He reaches the office by 7 a.m. and dives into the day's work. Making phone calls, reading e-mails and talking with his assistant are part of the first minutes of the morning.

Next he attends a meeting at 9 a.m.

The schedule doesn't let up. Today's agenda is filled with a business lunch, Lightning Leadership Camp, faculty retreat, more office work, phone calls and then there is the occasional walk-in meeting. Following the meeting at 9 a.m., he is off to meet and greet new faculty members.

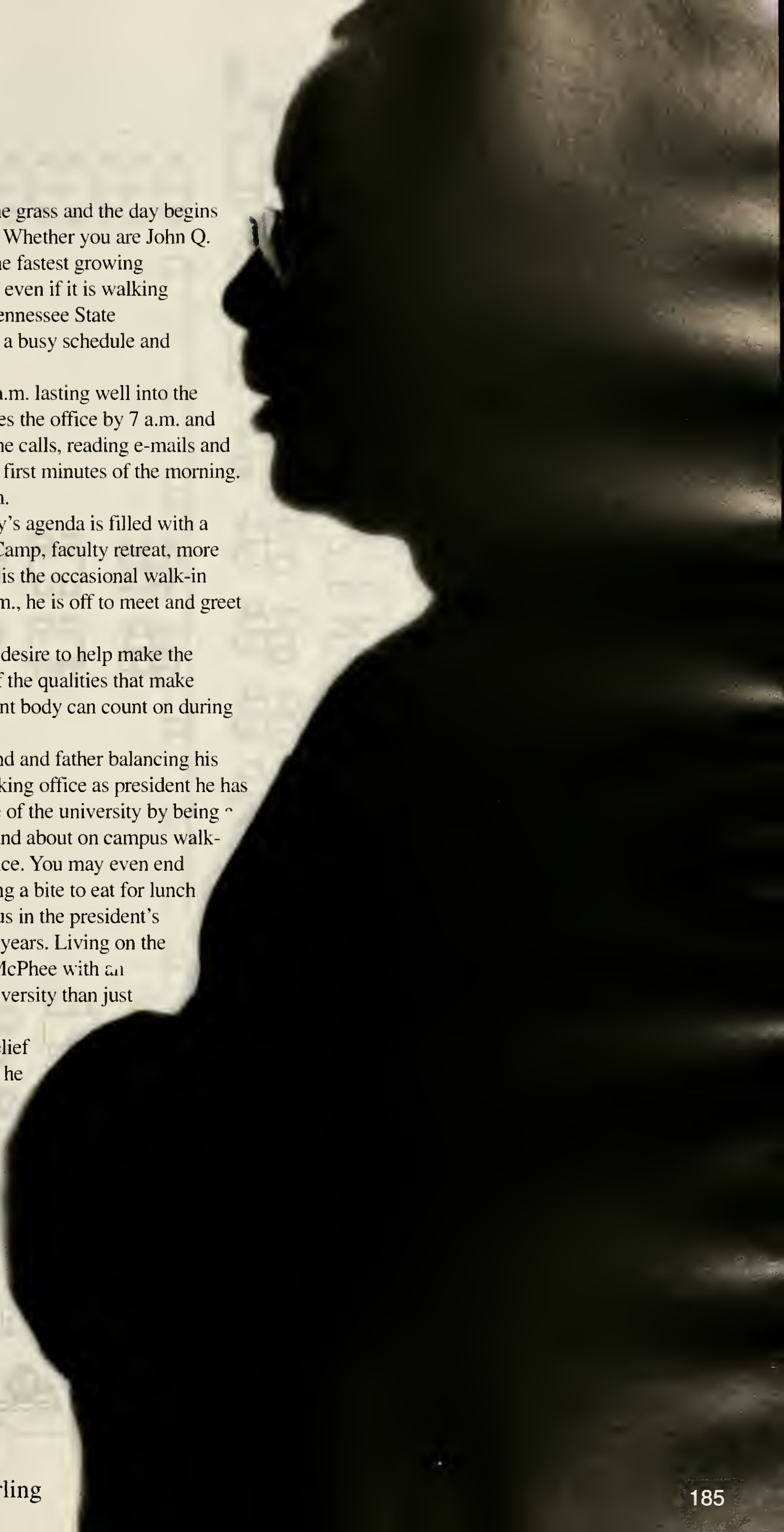
An open door, open mind and the desire to help make the university the best it can be are some of the qualities that make McPhee someone the faculty and student body can count on during the semester or year.

President McPhee is also a husband and father balancing his work load with his family life. Since taking office as president he has made a positive impact on the daily life of the university by being a hands-on leader. You will see him out and about on campus walking or he may show up in a class or office. You may even end up sitting next to him some day grabbing a bite to eat for lunch

Dr. McPhee also resides on campus in the president's house that has stood for a little over 90 years. Living on the southwest corner of campus provides McPhee with an opportunity to be more a part of the university than just a working official.

McPhee is a leader with a solid belief in himself and those he serves. He says he is looking forward to the future and what it holds for MTSU. He starts and ends each day with the same ideals, beliefs and passion for what he does.

This day ends at 6:30 p.m. z



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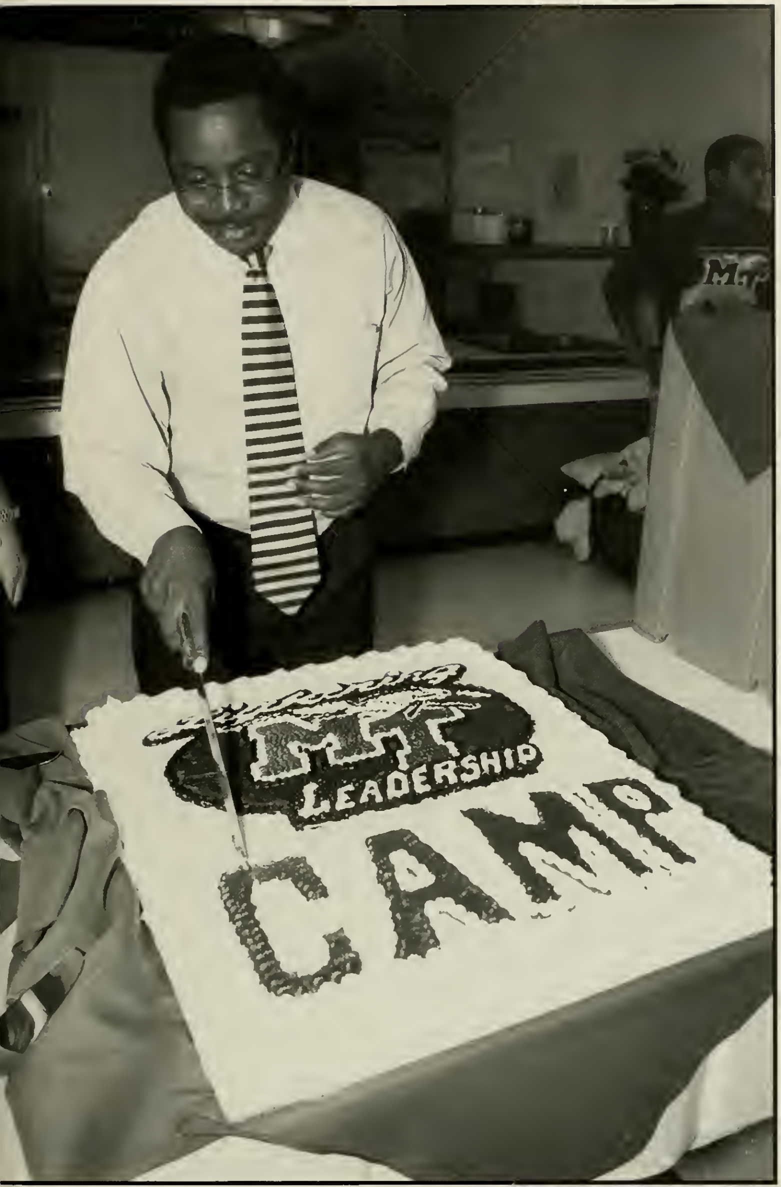


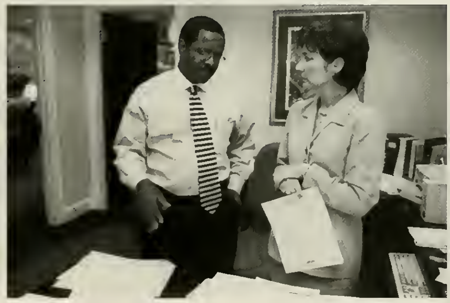
Opposite Page: President McPhee speaks during the new faculty orientation in the Business and Aerospace Building at 9:30 a.m. He wants to stay in touch with the faculty and be open with them at all times.

Opposite Page, Bottom: McPhee consults with his executive assistant Kim Edgars, just after starting in the office at around 7:15 a.m. The daily routine is the same with checking e-mail, talking to Edgars about his day's schedule and making phone calls.

Left: After speaking to students who had recently registered to become a part of the Lighting Leadership Camp, McPhee cuts a cake to begin the luncheon. After the meal, the enrollees were to leave for the camp that would last a couple of days.

Bottom, Left: On the way to the new faculty orientation, McPhee runs into one of the university's many staff members. He likes to get to know everyone at MTSU, and when the chance comes, he takes it.

Bottom, Right: Dr. McPhee talks with secretary Tammy Allen. Together they work on the final touches of an issue that has seen many months of hard work.



Opposite Page: With a little downtime in the schedule, President McPhee has some time to sit at his desk and catch up on things. Getting a break every once in a while was not anticipated but gladly accepted.

Right: McPhee talks to the Faculty Senate about his plans for the university and what needs to be done to reach these goals. The first month or two of his tenure, McPhee made efforts to talk to influential groups and leaders on and off campus.

Above: McPhee takes a minute at the end of the day to talk again with Tammy Allen. Relaxing after a stress-filled day was something that McPhee enjoys doing whenever he has the opportunity.

Right: Being the ever-present father, McPhee takes the chance to talk to his daughter while he drives off campus to meet with the Faculty Senate. He likes to keep in close contact with his son who attends college and his daughter who is in high school.

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"My primary focus is the preparation which takes place before I go into the classroom. I pay great attention to developing logical, consistent, and clear lectures integrating supplementary material from outside the class to show the relevance of the top being studied. To teach a complex technical course like biochemistry or organic chemistry, the most important thing I can offer the student is clarity, and that's what I strive to achieve."

Dr. Paul Kline

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Above: Dr. Paul Kline, College of Basic and Applied Sciences

"I feel that I have the best of both worlds: continued professional experience in my industry, as well as a job in academia that allows me to share my knowledge with students. I personally feel that I owe it to my students, as they are consumers of knowledge, to prepare them to the best of their abilities. The fashion industry is highly competitive, and I take great pleasure in knowing that our MTSU graduates are prepared to compete successfully in this industry. It's most rewarding to hear employers rate our graduates highly, and know that MTSU has developed such a reputation for quality graduates.

I have a two-fold expectation of students. I have high standards for their performance, yet I want to help them achieve and exceed those standards, by being compassionate and supportive of their endeavors. I am a professor, and I am also a mentor, with an understanding of students. I truly care about the welfare of my students and their future."

Dr. Teresa Robinson

Left: Dr. Teresa Robinson, College of Education and Behavioral Science

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Above: Dr. Jean Hastings, School of Nursing photos by Matthew H. Starling

" I believe that education is a shared experience between the student and teacher and one in which when the two work cooperatively and with focus, true education occurs. All tha I am and all that I hope to become is dependent on those wh have contributed to my development. It is now my opportunity to take those experiences and share them with those who are to follow. When each contributes, both grow, personally and professionally."

Dr. Jean Hastings

"I teach because it is fun as well as fulfilling to present new concepts and help others open doors that might have otherwise remained closed. Helping others to learn and expand horizons is enjoyable, exciting, interesting, motivating, and extremely worthwhile in my book. I teach because I choose to teach, and I enjoy my students and the pursuit of knowledge."

Dr. Barbara Young

Left: Dr. Barbara Young, College of Educational and Behavioral Science

"I try to treat students the way I want to be treated, and I try to be easy to talk with and easy to work with. I spend time with students, explaining course material and assignments, and listening to their opinions, fears and hopes. I encourage them, telling them that they have skills and talents, and help them as they move toward their career goals.

I learn students first names in the first three weeks of class and call them by name every time I speak to them. Class discussion and group work are important parts of every course I teach because students learn from each other as well as from textbooks. In the classroom, I stick with course materials and stay very on task while smiling and saying, 'We're having a good time, aren't we?' They may laugh and joke, but by the end of the semester, I try to help them feel competent to do in the real world what we've been discussing and practicing in the classroom."

Dr. Sharon Smith

Below: Dr. Sharon Smith, College of Liberal Arts

History with *Humanity*

photo by Jennifer Cornett

by Angel Keller

Dr. Louis Hass, Jr., actively works to put the human element back into history. History is "the smell of human flesh," and his aim is to give students a whiff of it.

"You never know where in life you will find solutions to something current because there are always current things going on that will connect to the past," Haas challenges his students.

Haas has been teaching since 1981 and is experiencing his first year at MTSU. He spent the past 11 years teaching at Duane in Pittsburgh. Haas teaches history and is a Medieval European historian. He has had a lifelong affair with American civil history in part because his father and his uncle served in World War II, and they both had WWII memorabilia. Their experiences in living through wartime involved the family in military and government concerns. After WWII, his uncle suffered from post-traumatic syndrome which helped focus Haas' interest.

"To understand military history you have to understand political history," he explains. "History helps people understand the why and how. I believe that teaching in a subject that I am so fond of will help me live longer."

During a lesson about life before the Food and Drug Administration and early patents on medicines, Haas amazed his classroom by eating a piece of chalk. The idea was born at the moment. It was to illustrate that in the early 1900s anyone could sell anything with anything in it, and get away with it. In his demonstration, he said he had the cure for cancer: "Eat a stick of chalk a day...tastes like a crunchy milk of magnesia." Fortunately, progress increased with the FDA, making America a safer place for foods and patent medicine.

That was not the only lesson that included physical demonstrations. During his lessons on ancient Rome and Christianity (the Roman temple), Haas divided the class into groups of inquisitors and heretics to bring honest answers surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. He overturned a chair and a table showing what the average guard would do having seen Jesus in the temple. His classrooms were full of various role-playing activity. Students stood back while Haas ran full force into a wall to expose and demonstrate wrestling techniques used during the Greek Olympic games and how they mimic certain warfare strategies.

Haas says that teachers are supposed to be unique. He says that each teacher brings his or her own material and backgrond. The dialogue between teacher and students is so rehearsed sometimes it becomes mundane and the exchange is broken. In high school, he had a teacher who met the challenge to make history fun. One day, the high school teacher brought in a bag of dog biscuits as an example of what people were eating in order to save money.

Jokes and slogans work for Haas. Teachers, in some fashion, are just frustrated actors. His advice for faculty is to play with the students and to trust them. His advice for students is "to take it seriously, history is hard work like every other subject, treat it like that and be honest."

Haas believes that a bruised shoulder from time to time and some chalky residue is a small price to pay for that warm, fuzzy feeling you have when you have affected someone. ⌘

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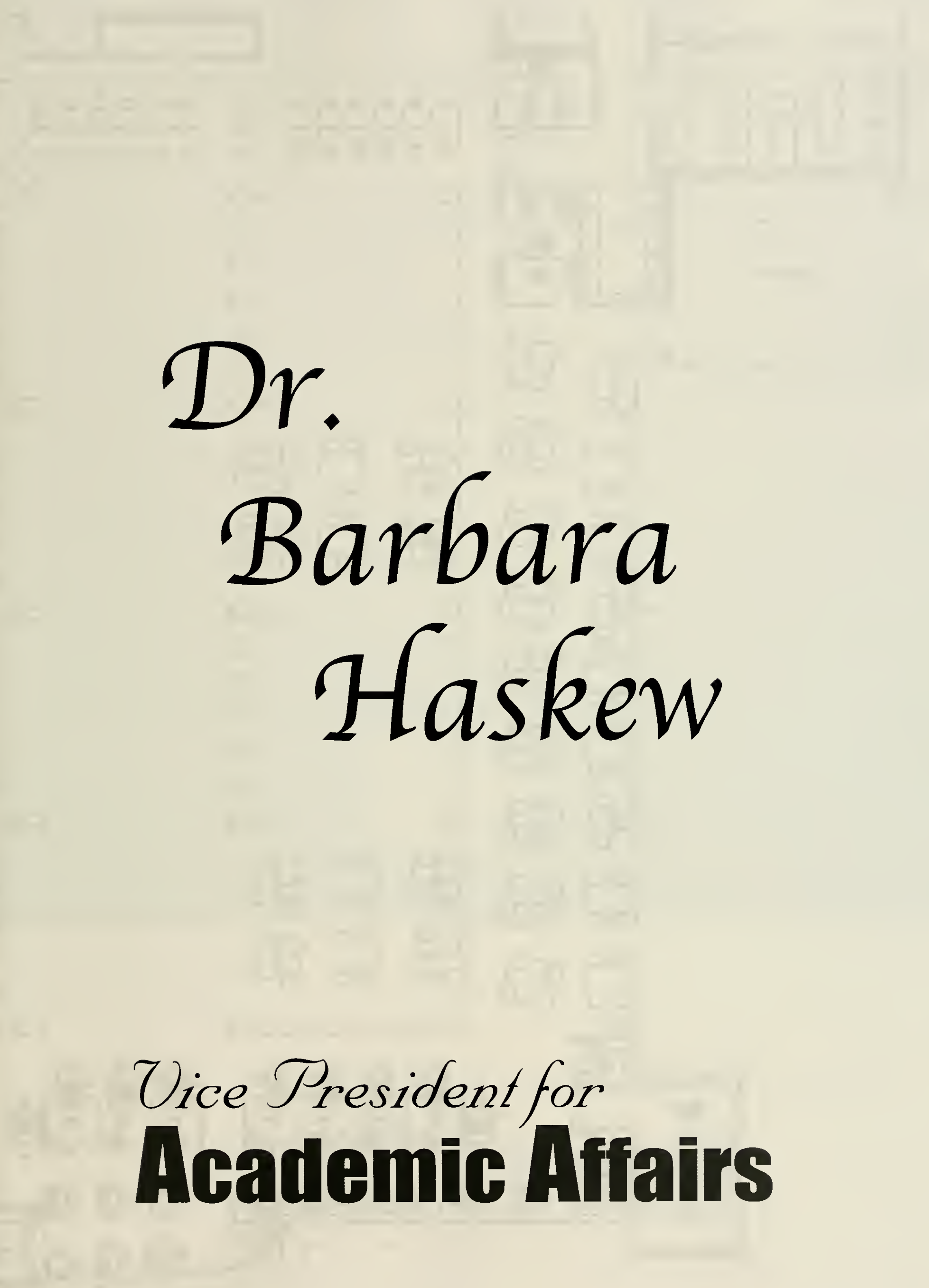

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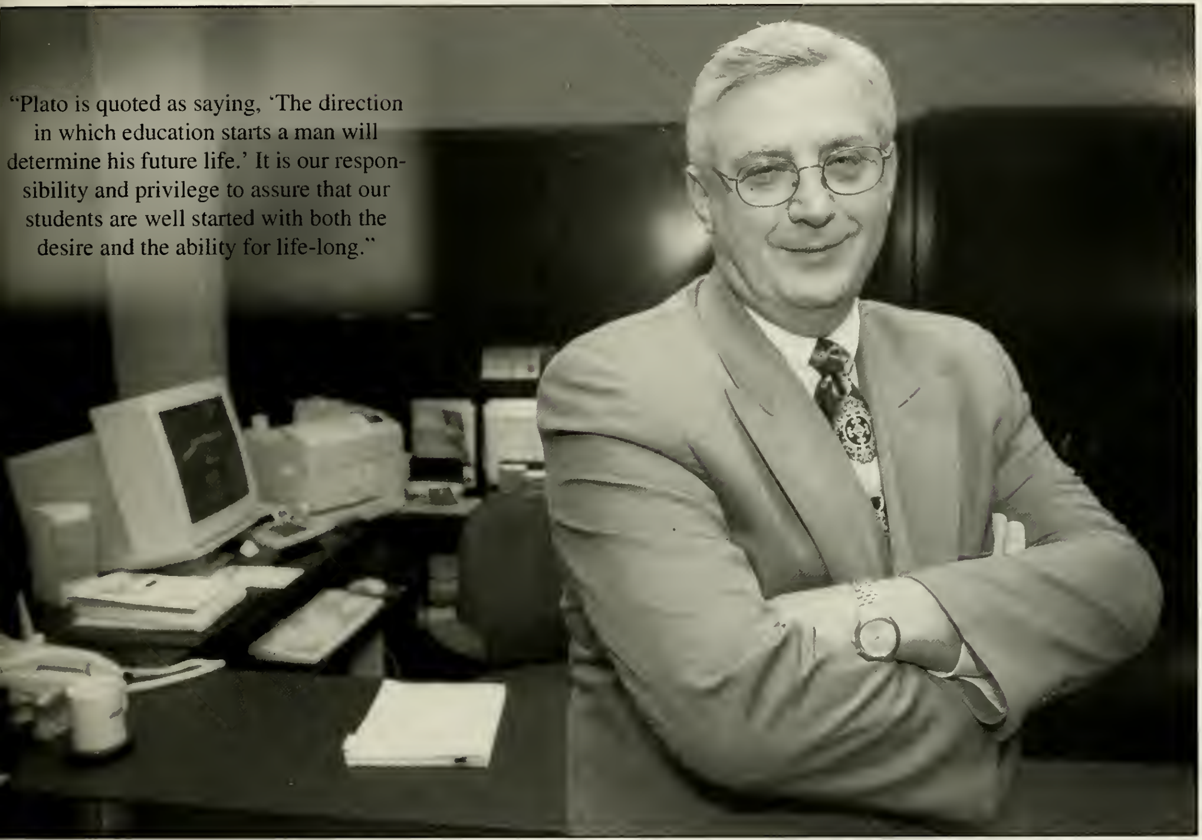

"Plato is quoted as saying, 'The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.' It is our responsibility and privilege to assure that our students are well started with both the desire and the ability for life-long."

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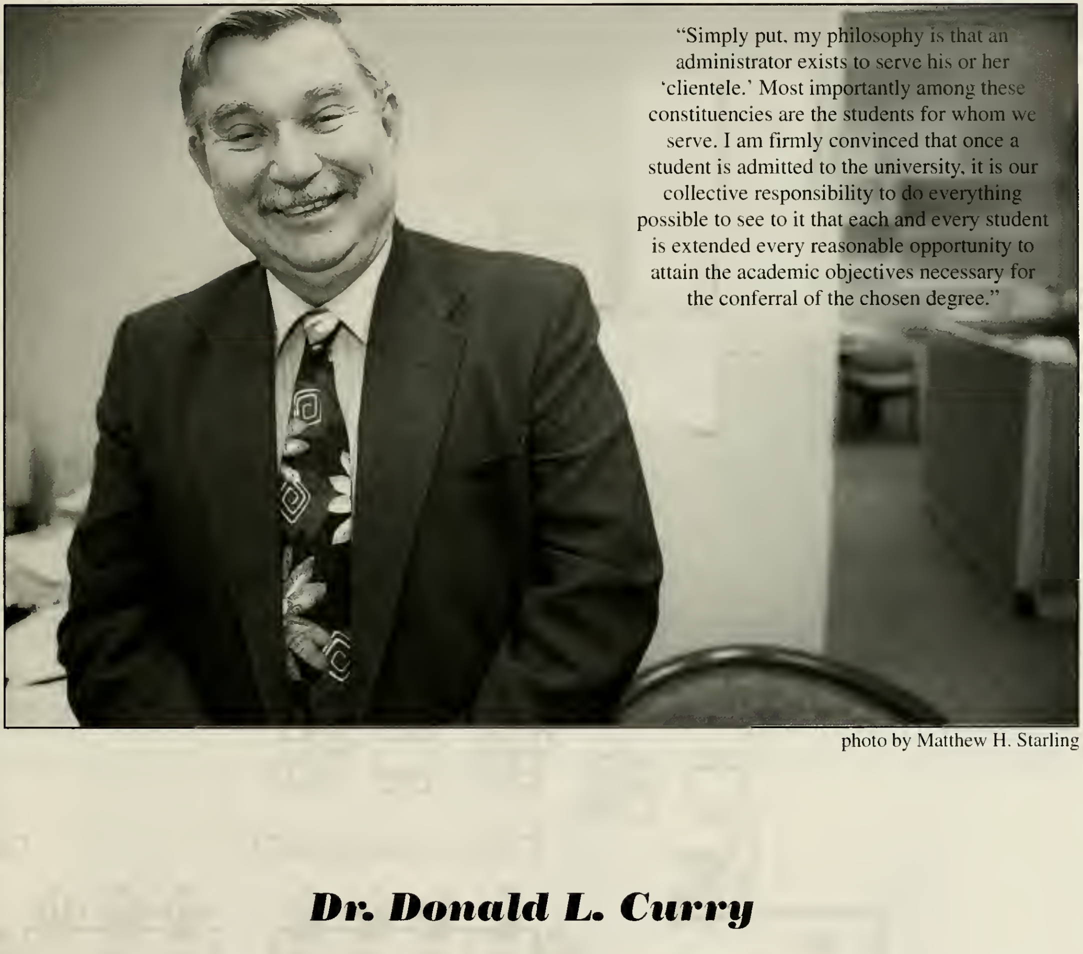

"Simply put, my philosophy is that an administrator exists to serve his or her 'clientele.' Most importantly among these constituencies are the students for whom we serve. I am firmly convinced that once a student is admitted to the university, it is our collective responsibility to do everything possible to see to it that each and every student is extended every reasonable opportunity to attain the academic objectives necessary for the conferral of the chosen degree."

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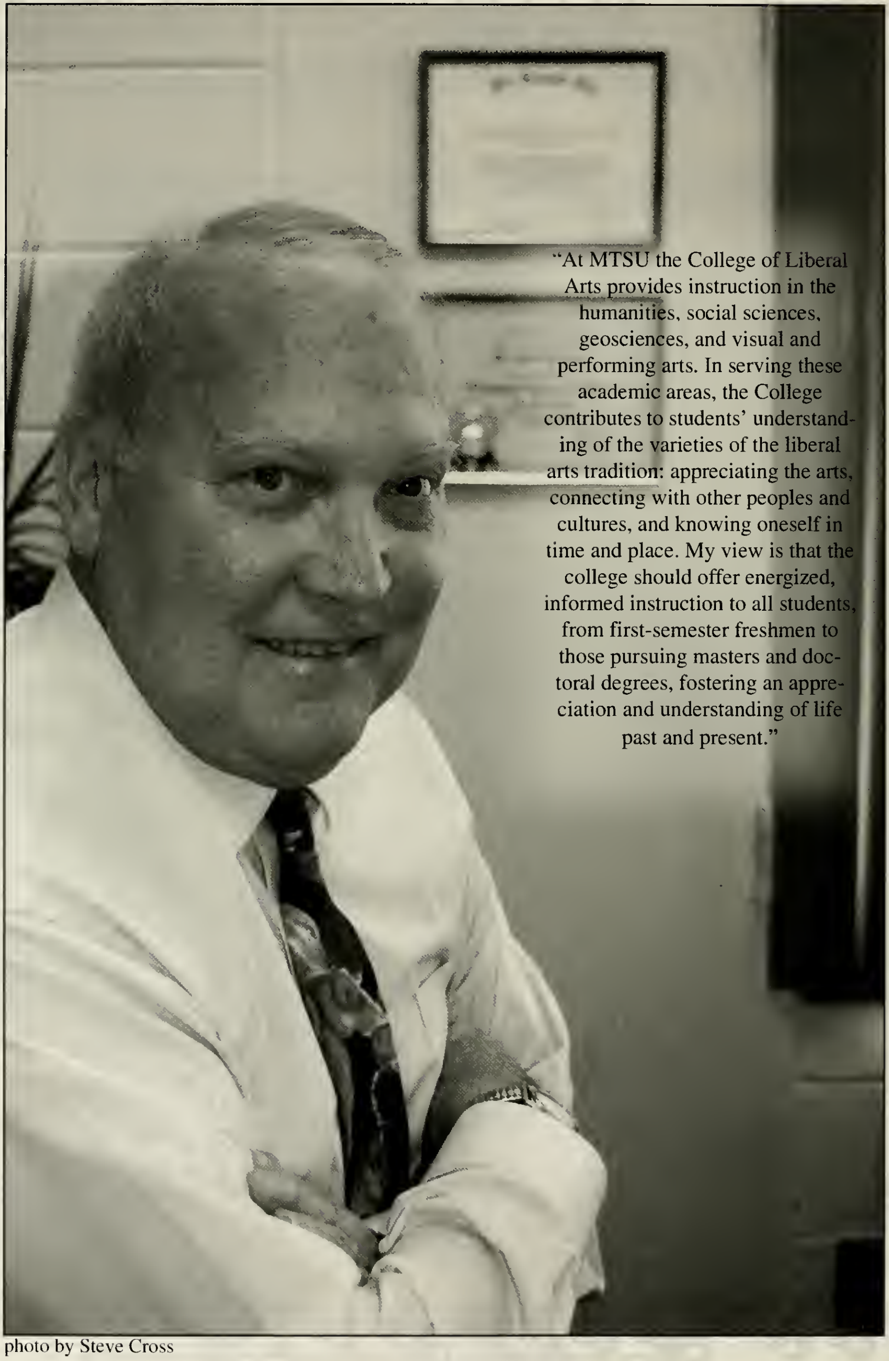

"At MTSU the College of Liberal Arts provides instruction in the humanities, social sciences, geosciences, and visual and performing arts. In serving these academic areas, the College contributes to students' understanding of the varieties of the liberal arts tradition: appreciating the arts, connecting with other peoples and cultures, and knowing oneself in time and place. My view is that the college should offer energized, informed instruction to all students, from first-semester freshmen to those pursuing masters and doctoral degrees, fostering an appreciation and understanding of life past and present."

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Dr. John N. McDaniel

Interim Dean of the College of Mass Communication

"As a teacher in the College of Mass Communication, my goals are to help students, and thus citizens, to understand the nature, functions and limitations of American mass communications institutions; to help them understand the social, political, economic and legal freedoms, responsibilities and limitations of the mass media; to help citizens understand the process of communications itself (what we might call "meta-communications," that it, communication about communication); to understand that the American mass media are an inter-related system, not a group of freestanding businesses; and finally, as media consumers, to understand their role in our communication-based society."

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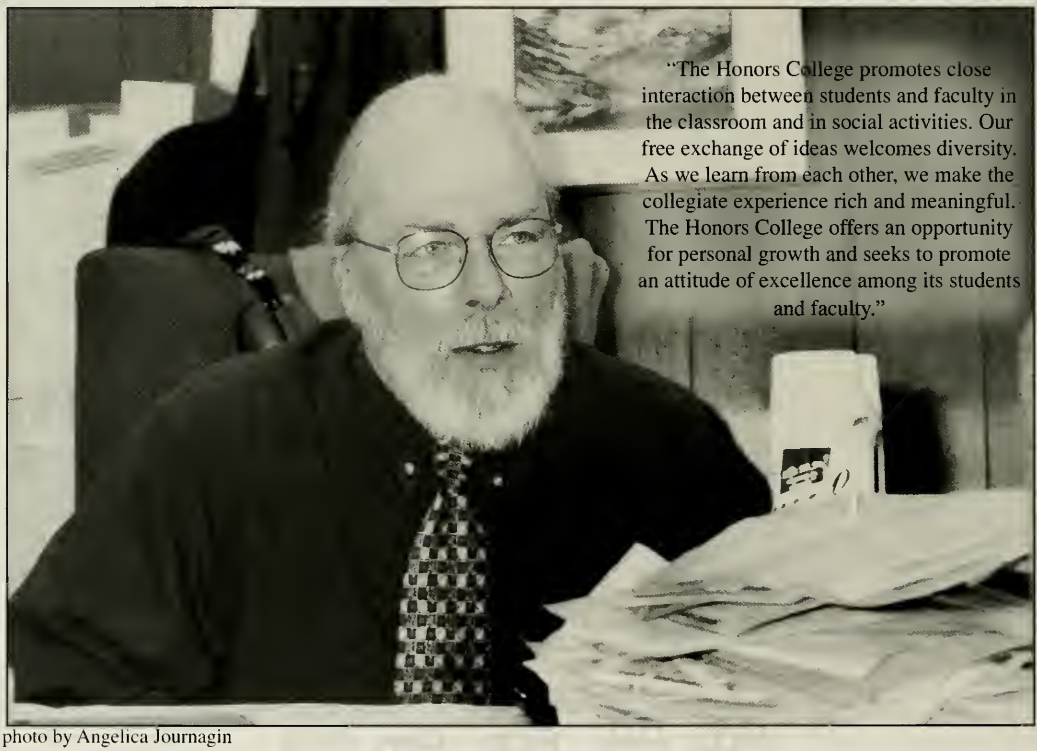
Dr. Larry Burriss

Dean of the College of Honors



"The Honors College promotes close interaction between students and faculty in the classroom and in social activities. Our free exchange of ideas welcomes diversity. As we learn from each other, we make the collegiate experience rich and meaningful. The Honors College offers an opportunity for personal growth and seeks to promote an attitude of excellence among its students and faculty."

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Dr. John P. Montgomery

Law of Teaching

by Robert Evans

photo by Robert Evans

What does a person do when he has been mayor of a city, general manager of a utilities company and an insurance company, been a federal attorney and travelled the world?

He teaches, of course.

Clyde Willis has been teaching here for three years, but before deciding to go into teaching he was a man of the world — a scholar, one could say. Born in 1942, Willis has always had a natural proclivity toward all things academic.

"I just love learning to do different things," Willis said.

It is this love of learning that drew Willis to teaching.

"Learning law requires learning to do something well," he said. "It's a struggle to learn how to teach properly, but it's fun. I don't know one thing that draws me to activities like meeting new people and going places."

Meeting new people and going places is an understatement in Willis' case. When he initially got out of law school, Willis became a federal attorney in Chicago for a few years. After that, he decided that it was time to move on to being a trial lawyer, which included "a little bit of everything."

In the meantime, Willis served as mayor of the city of Rogersville, Tenn., near Kingsport, served as general manager of Holsten Electric Co-op and also as general manager of the Tennessee State Mutual Insurance. It wasn't until 1990, after Willis completed his Ph.D., that he began teaching. And it has been 10 years and two continents since.

In 1996 Willis was selected to be a Fulbright Lecturer in Ethiopia and acted as a consultant to the Ministry of Justice in that country. Willis didn't encounter as many challenges in Ethiopia as he did when he taught law in Russia as a member of a university's faculty.

"In Russia I had to have a translator and worried about saying the wrong thing," said Willis. "I could understand some, but not carry on a sophisticated conversation. When I would go to the market, I would grin, point and grunt," Willis chuckled.

Willis admitted with a sly grin that he originally wanted to become a "teacher so that I would have more time to sail," and work on his other hobbies such as photography. But reality struck as he admitted, "I'm busier now than I was when I was practicing law." This includes his coaching of the highly ranked Mock Trial Team at MTSU.

Professor Willis admits that he is still learning about teaching, but Clyde, as his students call him, is doing just fine in their eyes.

Erin Bumbalough, a student on the team said, "Clyde's a great person and a great coach." ⌘

A Teaching Struggle

by Angel Keller

Dr. Ahmad Khansari has been teaching for 20 years all over the globe in England, London, Iran and Turkey. But his love for teaching didn't begin 20 years ago, it's been his lifelong motivation. Khansari has been teaching varied math courses such as statistics, algebra and finite math.

All of his methods in the classroom can be applied to his guiding statement, "Put in the effort to learn every day and match yourself to student cases."

It took 14 years for Khansari to finally get immigration to the United States. His travels began in 1974 when he traveled to England for undergraduate and graduate study. He received a master's degree and shortly thereafter began studies for a doctorate. It was in 1980 that a summer trip back home to Turkey put his education on hold.

War broke out. He was stuck. It took five years for Khansari to regain his Visa to go back to England and finish his doctoral program. Around that time, he also started applying for American immigration. He was denied three or four times before gaining acceptance.

The deciding factor for moving to Tennessee was with his daughter - she originally sought out MTSU. His daughter was interested in MTSU for its top standing in the recording industry program. Her desire to attend closed the deal.

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Khansari has been in Middle Tennessee since July 2000 and began teaching here that August. He thinks the people at MTSU are generally friendly and well-mannered. One of the biggest adjustments he had to make was in the classroom. He explained that in Europe, students could be that —students. Going to class was their only agenda and career, while American students share school with other agendas. Since many students work full time, school becomes a secondary activity. Khansari had to change his style of teaching and learn to adjust it to a per-class and per-individual basis.

With this in mind, Khansari encouraged more funding at institutions and more financial aid for students seeking higher education. His belief is that an ideal learning environment is one where students have little to worry about outside of the classroom.

Another perception Khansari holds is that the students at MTSU are very "trustable." He is impressed to find that within the classroom where students are seated within eyeshot of one another, there was never a problem with cheating. He found that even if a student was weak in the particular subject there would be not cheating. That was a new experience for him.

One of his personal achievements is in the letters he takes up at the end of each semester. Khansari does a personal student evaluation on each classroom, which is separate from the university. In the three semesters he has taught at MTSU, his letters reveal 100% achievement, progress and success.

Students agree in their letters that Khansari puts in the effort to make learning *happen* and to make learning fun. His letters were overwhelmingly positive from beginning to end. Students did not hesitate to recommend or request him. The letters remarked how willing he was to take time to help.

"If he could teach it to me, he could teach it to anybody!" some students wrote. Students continued to applaud how Khansari incorporates humor and uses real-life themes and situations to simplify difficult equations. He works to show the value of math in everyday life. ⌘

MTSU Professor Donates Kidney to Student

Dr. Mary Nichols, associate professor of electronic media communications, donated a kidney to summer 2001 MTSU graduate Greg Maupin.. The surgery was performed Aug. 30 at Vanderbilt Transplant Center in Nashville. It was Maupin's second transplant surgery. He received a liver transplant in 1990.

photo by Ken Robinson

by Doug Williams

Mary Nichols claims it's not a big deal, only her small effort to try to help a student. Greg Maupin considers her a lifesaver.

Late August Nichols, an associate professor in the Department of Electronic Media Communications, donated a kidney to Maupin, a student from her first class at MTSU.

"I made the decision after talking to a friend who donated a kidney to her husband in 1996," said Nichols, who just turned 49. "My husband (MTSU associate professor Dan Pfeifer) and I both wanted to do something to help Greg, and we started to do research about organ donation. I talked quite a bit with this friend, who has done great after she donated a kidney and she told me I should consider it.

"She said you only need one kidney, and many people live very normal lives with only one," said Nichols. "Dan and I both got checked to see if either of us matched. Dan didn't and I did. Right then I knew I had to do it. My hope is that this will show that there are a lot of people out there who need help, and you don't have to be a saint to do this."

Nichols' decision was made several years after she had met Maupin, who was a junior during her first year on the MTSU campus in 1992. Maupin was coming back to school after receiving a liver transplant in 1990. After several years of trying, including some time off to attend to medical needs, he finally graduated Aug. 11. He and Nichols underwent surgery Aug. 30.

"To be honest with you, I wasn't particularly looking forward to (Nichols' class), but after the first week I adjusted to it," Maupin said. "She was a new faculty member and people were saying her class was going to be difficult. But she related well in class and really seemed to take an interest in us. Several people in the department knew I had a liver transplant, but I didn't ever discuss it with her."

After that first semester, many of the 18 students in Nichols' class stayed in touch with her by e-mail or by dropping by her office after class. Maupin eventually became an advisee and enrolled in a second class, but then dropped out of school for more than a year.

"It was November of 2000 and I hadn't seen him for a while," Nichols said. "He looked pretty rough, and it was then he told me about his illness. By spring, Dan and I decided to learn more and started looking into the possibility of becoming an organ donor.

"We eventually came to the realization that we could make an impact on Greg by donating something we felt we could live without. Since being told I was a match, Dan has been very supportive of both Greg and me."

Maupin, who takes at least four special medications every day, says he will be glad to finally be able to skip his regular dialysis appointments after the surgery. He knew if he was to ever get a transplant it would have to be from a non-related donor, since he has no siblings and his parents were not transplant candidates. When Nichols was tested she matched on three of the six antigens, which is more than some related donors.

"This is truly a wonderful thing she and her husband are doing," Maupin said. "I couldn't ask them and didn't ask them. They came to me. So many people are waiting for wonderful people like them to make this happen. I can't explain how much it means to me." ⌘

Above: Professor Gore, with SGA president John Marshall and interim president Eugene Smith on each side of him, tours the campus after he decided to accept the teaching position. Large crowds waited for hours to get a glimpse of the man who had previously helped lead the nation.

Left: Gore accepts from Marshall what will become the first of many MT memorabilia. The university thought that Gore's presence on campus would boost pride inside and outside of the university.

More than Gore

Al Takes on Family Subject Matter in the Classroom

by Jenny Crouch

Creating a Family Centered Community is an appealing topic for students of many disciplines, regardless of whom the professor may be.

But when the professor happens to be former Vice President Al Gore, the appeal can have added dimensions.

With his new title of "professor," the former vice president introduced in Spring 2001 a new cross-disciplinary class to focus on community building. The goal of the course is to teach the basics of family and community building through their relationships together. At various times during the spring and fall semesters, nationally recognized guest speakers have joined Gore to add their expertise to the base of knowledge.

Gore has hopes the class will be developed and evolved into a discipline by a consortium of 18 major universities across the country.

The consortuium includes the University of California - Los Angeles, Columbia University, and Cornell, among others.

Gore chose MTSU to introduce the class because Middle is his father's alma mater. He also has an affinity for Murfreesboro because it's in the heart of the 6th District, which was the district he represented when he was first elected to Congress. Gore also introduced the class at Fisk University in Nashville.

The former vice president, who has traveled the world meeting with dignitaries and has been involved with major national decisions, was eager to assume his new role.

"I've always wanted to try teaching, and I'm particularly excited about teaching these courses on community building because it's something new, and to me it's very exciting," he explained.

And it also exciting for MTSU.

On the day of Gore's first lecture, students arrived up to an hour and a half early with the hopes of getting a front row seat for one of the most talked

Left: Professor Gore gives one of his enthusiastic students his autograph. After he was through signing a piece of paper for her, he handed her the pen as a keepsake.

Right: Listening and making sure that he spells all names right, Gore concentrates on what his student is saying. Lines of students waited for a chance to obtain Gore's signature or a picture with him.

about lecture in the school's history. Thirty minutes before class, the check-in process began. All students were required to show their student IDs to get their name tags which would allow them to enter the lecture hall. Two police officers were at the entrance the students used, and two Secret Service agents flanked the doorway through which Gore would enter.

Gore appeared right on time, waving to the audience. He was introduced by interim President Eugene Smith.

As the assembled students settled to classroom demeanor, Gore thanked the university and all the faculty for assisting him with putting the class together so quickly.

As would be expected with any person of notoriety, the former vice president's presence on campus did not go without some dissent. A large number of students protested outside the building when he first arrived, and several wrote letters to the student newspaper complaining about all the hoopla he was ascribed. These protests were short-lived and campus was back to normal within days.

With the beginning of the fall semester and the loss of Secret Service protection, the glitz of the Gore's initial forays onto campus subsided. Students are aware he is here, but he is now just one of the professors.⌘

Below: Gore graciously accepts his plaque as part of the induction in the prestigious Phi Kappa Phi. Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi only has 248 chapters nationally.

Right: After accepting his plaque, Gore thanks everyone that was involved with the induction process. Once through with his speech, Gore quickly left to go teach his class.

Opposite Page: Gore attends a meeting during one of his first days on campus. Getting aquainted with staff and students was a new and exciting experience for Gore.

Robert Lee Jones was born on April 7, 1867, at Cedar Creek in White County, Tenn. The youngest of 11 children, son of Zack and Mary Jones, received his education at Onward Seminary near Doyle, Tenn., and Burritt College at Spencer, along with a summer term at the University of Chicago. In 1907, as the new State Superintendent, he called an education conference in Nashville that campaigned for better schoolhouses, teacher institutes, and an established a school of technology at the University of Tennessee. In 1909, after the General Education Bill passed, Jones, along with two other committee members, chose the location for the three state teacher colleges. In 1910, when he was selected as the first president of Middle Tennessee Normal, Jones began to "sell" the school. He dictated newsletters and pamphlets that were distributed to high school graduates in the Middle Tennessee area. Jones remained in his position of college president till 1922. During his time at Middle Tennessee Normal, Jones oversaw the construction of many original buildings that are still standing today, chose the school colors, constructed tennis courts and was included in the creation of the alma mater, among other activities.

Presidents of MTSU

Quill Evan Cope was born on March 28, 1912, in Sparta, Tenn. The son of Rogers W. and Dora Breeding Cope received his education at Tennessee Polytechnics Institute, George Peabody College for Teachers and New York University. After earning a doctorate of education in 1952, Cope spent five years as a social studies and English teacher at Sparta High School. He then served as County Superintendent of Education in White County. He went on to become a World War II Navy Air Force instructor, a field representative for the United States Office of Education, White County High School principal and an associate professor of Education at the University of Tennessee. Cope continued the numerous building projects that Smith had started; he also kept the campus beautification program alive. He also witnessed many renovations to the original campus buildings and made efforts to keep the increase in enrollment.

Prichett Alfred Lyon was born on March 20, 1868, in the 25th civil district of Rutherford County. The son of the Rev. P.A. Lyon and Mary Lowe Lyon completed the highest course offered at Winchester Normal, along with a six-week term at Vanderbilt. Lyon taught in several schools around Rutherford County from 1886-1892 until he was elected President of Auburn Seminary, Auburn. From 1897-1900, he was superintendent at Shelbyville, Tenn. From 1900-1905, he was principal of South Nashville Division of Schools. In 1905, Lyon came to Murfreesboro as the Superintendent of schools and remained there until Middle Tennessee Normal opened. In 1922, he was selected as the second president of Middle Tennessee Normal. Lyon oversaw the transition from Middle Tennessee Normal to Middle Tennessee Teacher College. In addition, he provided a bigger, well-equipped library, a new demonstrational school and upgrading faculty. On the eve of the Great Depression, Lyon obtained the funds to build two buildings; Lyon Hall, the second girl's dorm, and a training school. As the 1930s progressed, Lyon saw hard times at Middle Tennessee Teachers college; many months passed without the money to pay the faculty members. However, he was able to retain his staff by distributing out a small loan fund – enough for food and necessities.

Q.M. Smith was born on May 5, 1891, at Ruskin Cave, Tenn. The son of Edward J. and Nancy Miller Smith received his education at Middle Tennessee Normal School and George Peabody College for Teachers. During his time at Middle Tennessee Normal, Smith was the first editor of the *Signal*, MTSU's first newspaper and student publication that was started in 1913, a member of the debate team, president of the first senior class and a member of the first football team. Smith enlisted in the Navy in 1917 and at the close of the war he became the principal of Bradley County High School in Cleveland, Tenn. In 1920, he became president of Tennessee Polytechnics Institute. In 1938, he was selected as the third president of Tennessee State Teachers College. During his almost 20 years of service as president, Smith oversaw the change from Middle Tennessee Teachers College to Middle Tennessee State College. This change was brought about by the confidence that this would encourage students with different interests to enroll. Smith also observed many buildings constructed and a drastic increase in enrollment.

Melvin G. Scarlett was born in Redding, Pa. He was the first one in his family to attend college. He received his education from Catawba College in NC, his masters at the University of Florida and his doctorate at Oklahoma State University. Scarlett held numerous positions relating to the academic field before he became MTSU's fifth president. He taught at Northwestern State College in Oklahoma, Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., and Kent State University in Ohio. In addition, he served as the academic dean of Hastings College in Nebraska, academic dean of Mankato State College, the interim chancellor of the University of Maine and the president of Farmington State College in Maine. During his term here, Scarlett helped in the progress of building the Learning Resource Center, which was unique in the southeast, and the Murphy Center. Scarlett also started a Doctor of Arts program, the Honors College, School of Mass Communication, Recording Industry Program and the Aerospace Program. He also saw integration implemented, requested that the band no longer play "Dixie," and called for the halt of the Confederate flag being used at school functions.

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Sam H. Ingram received his education from Memphis State University in Memphis, Tenn.; Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.; and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After earning his doctorate he went on to serve as assistant professor of education administration at Memphis State University and the MTSU's dean of the school of education. In addition, Ingram was the first president of Motlow State Community College from 1969-1974. He also held such positions as the commissioner of Tennessee Department of Education and chairman of the Education Department. During his tenure as the sixth president, he appointed the first woman vice-president of the university, helped in obtaining accreditation for the mass communication program, observed the building of the Wright Music Hall and the Tennessee Livestock Center, and witnessed a drastic increase of enrollment.

R. Eugene Smith was born in Walter Hill in Rutherford County. The son of Nora and Eugene Smith received his early education from an elementary and high school in Lebanon, Tenn. A 1957 graduate of MTSU, Smith received the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Achievement in 1997. He obtained a master of arts from Memphis State University in 1966 and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Mississippi in 1979. The MTSU alumnus served as the vice president for Business and Finance at the University of Memphis. Smith also was awarded the National Association of College and University Business Officers Distinguished Business Officer Award in 1994 and the University of Memphis Society Educator of the Year Award in 1999. In addition, Smith is the only Tennessean ever to be elected president of both the Southern and National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Wallace Prescott received his doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and his masters from the University of Tennessee. After receiving his masters, Prescott went on to become the dean of faculties and chief academic officer at Tennessee Technological Institute for 21 years. He then was promoted to provost and vice president for academic affairs. He later served as interim president for Tennessee Tech. In 1990, Prescott was selected to become the interim president for MTSU. During his year on campus, Prescott hired almost 50 new faculty members in an effort to keep up with the inflation of enrollment, requested monetary aid for the June Anderson Women's Center to be remodeled and witnessed the expansion of the KUC Grill and Phillips Bookstore.

James Walker earned his bachelor of biology in 1963 at Alabama State University. He went on to receive a masters in special education at Atlanta University in 1967 and a doctorate at Pennsylvania State University in 1972. Walker then began to teach at the University of Alabama, Southern Illinois University, Illinois State and Western Michigan University. He then accepted the job as vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of North Colorado. In 1991, Walker accepted the position to be president at MTSU. He became the first African American president of the university and at any university in the Tennessee Board of Regents area. During his nine years as president, Walker applied for funds to build a new library with the most current technology, built the Business and Aerospace Building, the Recreation Center, John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Greek Row and the football stadium.

Sidney McPhee grew up in Nassau in the Bahamas as the middle child among seven other boys and two girls. His dad was a high school principal and after his retirement, he and his wife owned and operated department stores and restaurants throughout their hometown area. McPhee, who skipped the 10th grade and studied for two years for a general certificate of education issued by the University of London, was also the captain of the soccer team, a member of the honor society and a trombonist for the high school band. After earning almost 20 hours of college credit while in high school, McPhee went on to graduate with a degree in social psychology at Prairie View A&M University in Texas. He then received a master's degree in educational administration at the University of Miami and a doctorate in applied behavioral studies at Oklahoma State University. He then accepted a position at Oklahoma State as an administrator. After seven years at Oklahoma, McPhee moved to the University of Louisville, where he became the director of the preparatory division as well as the associate provost for academic programs. When McPhee served eight years at the University of Louisville he then transferred to the University of Memphis, where he acted as vice provost and senior vice provost for academic affairs. Once through at Memphis he joined the Tennessee Board of Regents, where he acted as executive vice chancellor. In 2001, he accepted the position as MTSU's president

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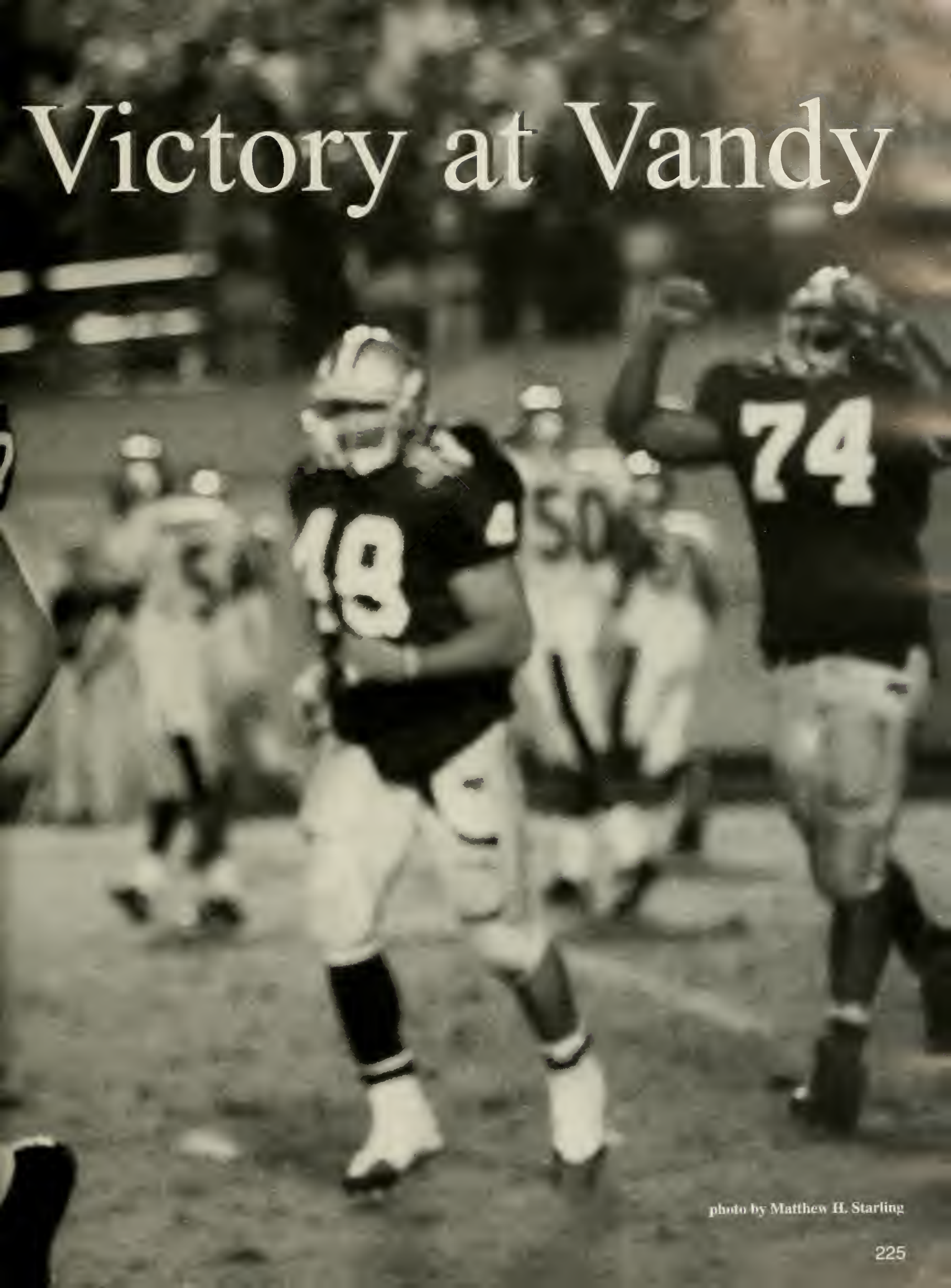

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MTSU Defeats Vanderbilt 37-28

by Colleen Cox

The Middle Tennessee football team pulled out its biggest win in recent history with a 37-28 victory over Vanderbilt in Nashville.

The game brought long-sought support for the Blue Raiders. The crowd at the game was 39,885, the largest non-conference crowd at Vanderbilt since Notre Dame visited in September 1996. But nearly half of the stadium was filled with blue.

"Our fans were the difference in the game," head coach Andy McCollum said. "We came out and saw all of the blue in the stands and they were there at 6 p.m. to cheer us onto the field."

"The campus really needed more school spirit when I got here," running back Dwone Hicks said. "Everyone was worried about going to see UT or TSU play. But now the focus seems to be more on MT football. Coming home from the game, you could really see the spirit. A lot of people were beeping their horns."

Middle Tennessee ran the no-huddle offense for most of the game. The quick offense gave Vanderbilt a hard time all night.

"They were moving the ball real quick," said Vanderbilt nose tackle Brett Beard in Saturday's The Tennessean. "That no-huddle thing kinda threw us off. They were going a lot quicker than we thought they would. We worked on it in practice, but it showed Thursday night that we weren't ready."

Middle's quick offense came out hot and got things started on its second possession. Dwone Hicks started things off rushing to the right for six yards. After an incomplete pass, Hicks went up the middle for another nine yards and Middle's first first down of the evening.

Wes Counts then completed a 19-yard pass to Tyrone Calico putting Middle Tennessee at the Vandy 43-yard line. The play was followed by a pass to Kendall Newson for nine yards. Calico ran a slant pattern and caught another pass but coughed it up. Aaron McWhorter saved the drive by recovering the fumble for Middle at the 4-yard line of Vanderbilt.

The rest was left up to Hicks. He used two carries to put the ball in the endzone for a 6-0 Blue Raider lead with 5:48 to go in the first quarter. Brian Kelly's extra point was good.

The Middle Tennessee defense held Vanderbilt's offense to a three-and-out and forced them to punt.

Handsford Johnson ran the punt back 74 yards, but the return was called back due to an illegal block in the back penalty. The penalty put Middle on its own 26-yard line.

The bad field position didn't deter the offense. It quickly changed that bad field position with a 20-yard reverse to Kerry Wright. Hicks then carried the ball twice for 16 yards. Former high school quarterback and Middle Tennessee running back Reshard Lee lined up at quarterback for the Blue Raiders and ran the ball for another 17 yards.

Counts then hooked up with Newson for 10 yards putting Middle at the Vanderbilt 6-yard line. Hicks once again took the ball in for six. Brian Kelly added the extra point to give Middle a 14-0 advantage.

With 1:05 left in the first quarter, the Vanderbilt offense started rolling. Ronald Hatcher took the kickoff 38 yards to give Vandy nice field position.

Greg Zolman completed two big pass plays to M.J. Garrett in the first quarter, one for 13 yards and the other for 34 yards.

Rodney Williams opened the second quarter with two carries for 11 yards and a touchdown. Chuck Folino's extra point was good cutting Middle's lead to 14-7.

Despite starting at its own 1-yard line, Middle looked to have another scoring drive going after the ensuing kickoff. However, Newson fumbled the ball and Nate Morrow recovered it for Vandy.

Vanderbilt quickly took advantage of the turnover driving the ball 84 yards on six plays to tie the score at 14.

Middle Tennessee answered on its next possession going 66 yards on eight plays for a field goal and a 17-14 lead.

The Vanderbilt offense came back once again as Zolman hit Dan Stricker on a 48-yard pass play for a touchdown and a 21-17 lead.

Middle's offense answered once again. Muhammad Rashada took the kickoff 24 yards to set up the drive. Hicks followed with a 6 yard rush. David Youell caught two straight passes, the first for 15 yards and the second for 4 yards, from Counts.

Counts hit Calico on an eight yard strike. Vandy was whistled for a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty after the

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Above: Number 17 Wes Counts looks down the field during the 2001 Vanderbilt game. Counts completed 27 out of 36 passes for 308 yards.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

MTSU defeats Vanderbilt

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catch. Counts completed yet another pass to Newson, and Vandy was whistled for another unsportsmanlike penalty. Hicks took over from there rushing the ball twice and punching it into the endzone for a 24-21 Middle Tennessee advantage.

"I think there was some frustration out there," Vandy coach Woody Widenhofer said about the unsportsmanlike penalties. "We worked hard in the offseason on leadership and discipline. We don't condone them and you can't do that. You have to keep your poise and not get involved in anything like that."

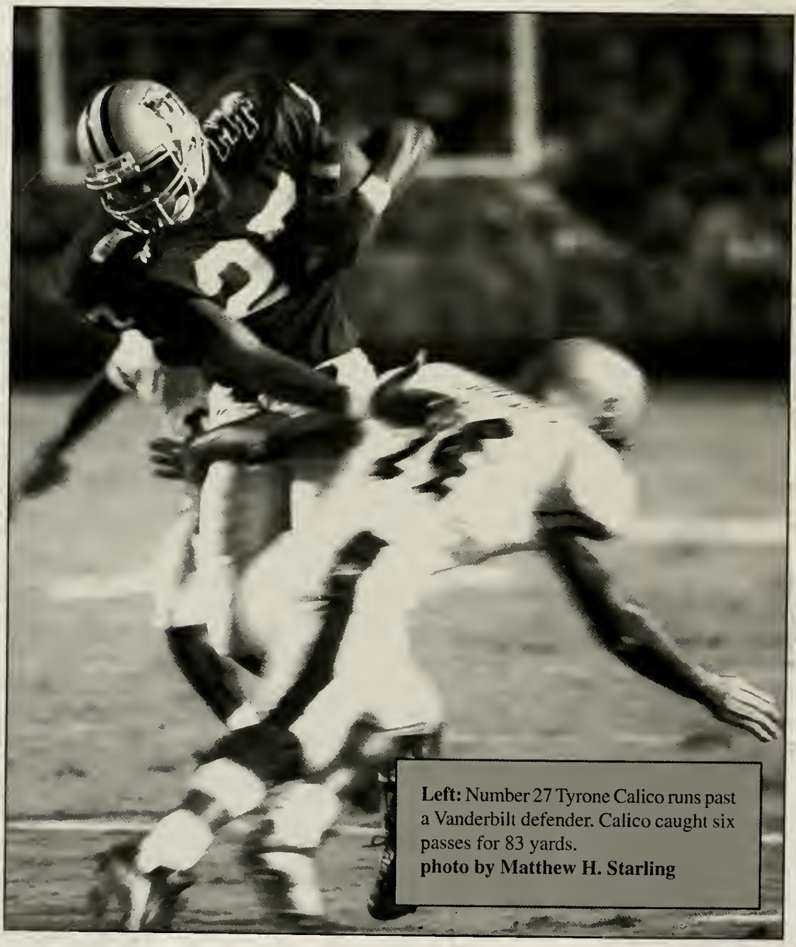
The Vanderbilt offense recovered to put together one more drive before halftime. Zolman threw a 73-yard bomb to M.J. Garrett to give Vandy a 28-24 halftime lead.

At halftime, coach McCollum told his team, "Fellows we just played as bad as we could play and we're only down by four, so what does that tell you if we come out in the second half and just do your job the best you can do it, then we'll give ourselves a chance."

"We made a lot of mistakes in the first half and had some missed assignments," defensive end Tanaka Scott said. "We have to have everyone stay on the same page. We can't have 10 guys on page one and the other guy on page three. At halftime we went in and put our thinking caps on and stepped it up a notch in the second half."

With Middle leading 30-28 early in the fourth quarter, Vanderbilt had a perfect opportunity to take the lead. Zolman and Garrett connected on a 47-yard pass that gave Vanderbilt first and goal from the 10. Nezih Hasanoglu dropped a potential touchdown pass in the endzone on third down. Things fell apart from that point for Vandy as the snap on the attempted field goal was fumbled and Middle took over.

"That was a touchdown," Hasanoglu said in Saturday's The Tennessean. "It was a ball I should have caught. It



Left: Number 27 Tyrone Calico runs past a Vanderbilt defender. Calico caught six passes for 83 yards.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

was just a drop. The game wasn't on that one pass, but it was a big play, a play I've made in the past and should have made."

Vandy had one last chance with 4:03 left in the game. Widenhofer chose to go for it on fourth-and-2 at midfield. The Middle Tennessee defense came up with the huge stop, and Middle took over.

Counts sealed the win with :21 to go as he scampered in for the touchdown.

"I really thought we'd kick a field goal, but taking the chance of blocking the kick and them returning it back," Counts said explaining the teams strategy on his touchdown run. "We also thought about just running around back there, taking the snap and just running back and forth trying not to lose to much yardage take off 15, 20 seconds."

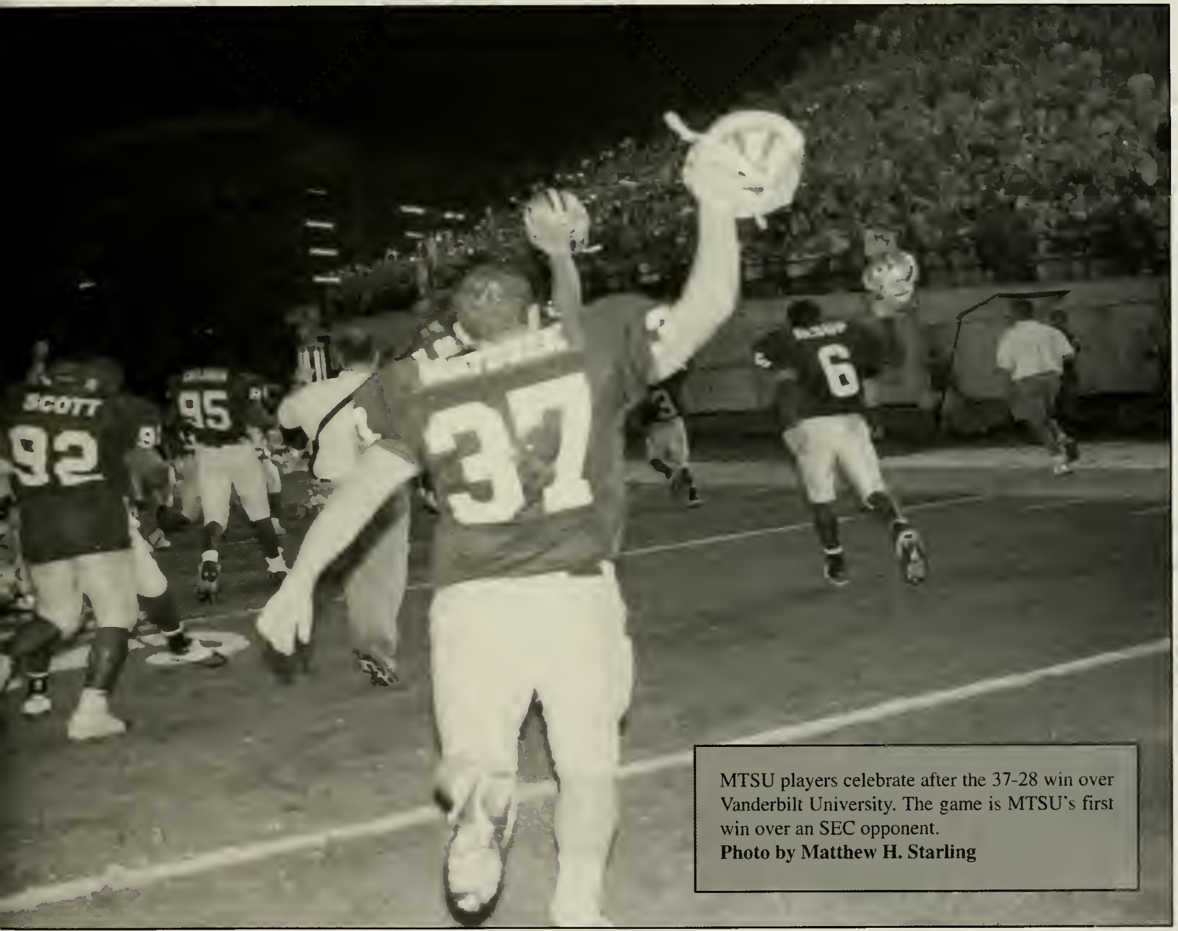
"This is one of the toughest losses I've ever been involved in," Widenhofer said after the game. "I know the team feels terrible. We let a lot of fans down tonight."

Middle Tennessee racked up 608 yards of total offense. Hicks rushed for 203 yards on 37 carries including four touchdowns. Counts completed 27-of-36 passes for 308 yards. Newson had nine catches for 113 yards.

"If you tackle guys, those are five and six yard gains and you really don't think some one will have that patience to stay with that," Widenhofer said referring to his teams 25 missed tackles.

One of the big factors in Middle's 608 yards of offense was the offensive line.

"[Our offensive line] was a question mark until we proved we could do the job last week," said offensive lineman Glen Elarbee. "We still have a lot to prove. We knew if we could keep the tempo quick [against Vanderbilt] we had a chance to make big plays. We wanted to put body-on-body and be where we needed to be."



MTSU players celebrate after the 37-28 win over Vanderbilt University. The game is MTSU's first win over an SEC opponent.
Photo by Matthew H. Starling

Record Breaking Ticket Sales to Vandy Game

by Colleen Cox

The Blue Raider football team is finally receiving some support. Both Vanderbilt and MTSU has numerous fans excited and ready for kickoff.

According to Mark Owens, MTSU media relations director, 7,000 tickets had been sold as of the Monday before the game. Group ticket sales have gone through Vanderbilt's ticket office and Middle has sold 500 tickets through there. Owens says counting all those tickets along with the complimentary ones, gives the Blue Raiders 8,000 fans at the game.

"According to our ticket office it's the most we've ever done for a road game," Owens told the Daily News Journal.

Head coach Andy McCollum is advising fans to come early to the season opening game in Nashville. McCollum says he would like the fans to be in the stands wearing royal blue at 6 p.m. when warm-ups begin.

Even with the impressive Blue Raider ticket sales, officials at Vanderbilt say they are hoping for 30,000 people in a 41,600 seat-stadium. Marty McGinty, ticket manager at Vanderbilt expects a crowd of 31,000 or so. A large majority of that 31,000 will be a walk-up crowd.

Vanderbilt coach Woody Widenhofer said in a Monday press conference that he expects 40,000 fans for the game.

The problem in ticket sales lies with Vanderbilt according to David Climer, sports columnist for The Tennessean.

"Vanderbilt people have dwindled to about 20,000 hard-core fans who attend games, and that includes students," McGinty said in Climer's column. "That number has stayed fairly constant for the last four years or so.

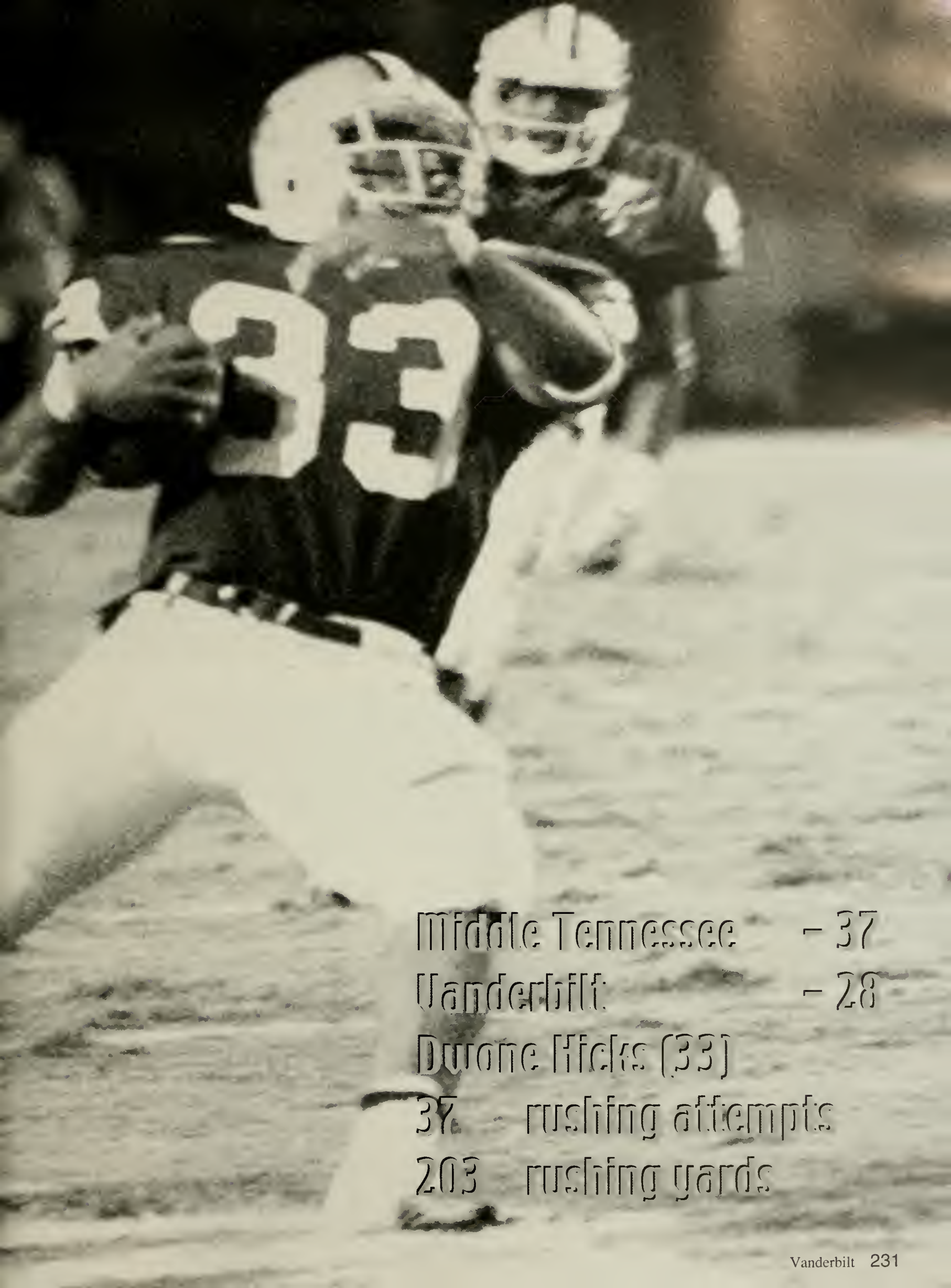
At the Vanderbilt/MTSU game, the Commodores are giving up one in four seats to the Blue Raiders. Still McGinty says Blue Raider fans can get more tickets.

"The idea is to sell as many tickets as possible," he said in Climer's column. "If they call and request more tickets, we'll accommodate them."

The turnout for the game could affect whether or not the two teams will play again next season.

"If the crowd is disappointing we will be less inclined to play them again," Vanderbilt Athletic Director Todd Turner said in a *The Tennessean* article. MTSU is scheduled to play Vandy again on Oct. 12, 2002.

Note: MTSU and Vanderbilt played in front of a crowd of 39,885.



Middle Tennessee – 37
Vanderbilt – 28
Dwone Hicks (33)
37 rushing attempts
203 rushing yards

enduring swings

No. 1 Middle Tennessee Survives No. 5 UNO s Upset Bid

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Top: Chuck Akers cracks the ball for a base hit.
photo by KristyDalrymple

Left: The Blue Raider infield was always focused and ready to play in 2001.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

compiled from MT Media Relations

All season long, Middle Tennessee head coach Steve Peterson relied on his seniors to step up in crucial situations with key plays in clutch situations.

Thanks to another one of those plays, MT had a chance to add another Sun Belt Conference trophy to its collection. Kyle Thomas' ground ball to Steve Rowell led to a throwing error by the University of New Orleans second baseman that plated a pair of runners to snap a 10th-inning, 2-all tie and give the Blue Raiders a 4-2 extra-inning victory. The win gave MT a berth in the Sun Belt Conference Baseball Tournament championship game.

"Our seniors have come through all year long and they did it again tonight," Peterson said. "We had hit some frozen ropes right at them, and we just battled through it. I thought (UNO starter Rory) Shanks made some good pitches against our lefties. I thought it would come down to a mistake and they made the mistake."

The Privateers' third error of the night cost them dearly as MT reliever Kevin Davis (4-0) worked out of a second and third, one-out jam with two strikeouts to preserve the game and give the Blue Raiders (41-14) a berth in the title game in their first season in the Sun Belt.

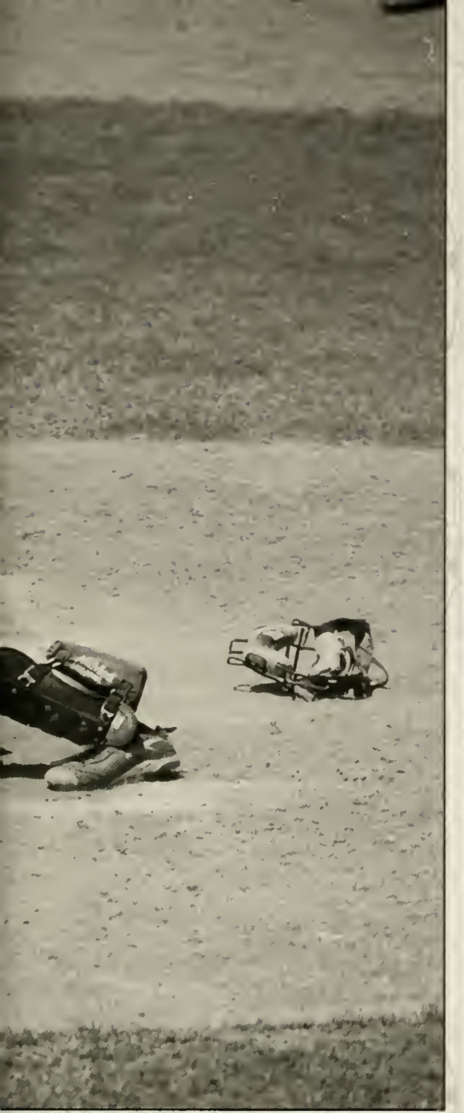
UNO (25-32) took a 2-0 lead in the third on an RBI single by Jeff Miller after John Williams balked in the first UNO run in the opening frame.

The Blue Raiders, though, cut the lead in half in the fifth on an RBI sacrifice fly by SBC Player of the Year Josh Renick. The Blue Raiders tied the game on Thomas' 2-2, two-out single in the eighth inning off Jeff Stander (2-3).

Renick then started the game-winning rally with a single and a stolen base before moving to third on an infield single by Justin Sims. Sims swiped second and both runners came around on Thomas' fielder's choice.

"We had a really good year. We won a conference championship and then went on to regionals. Baseball takes discipline, teamwork and the effort of the team throughout the whole year."

-Chuck Akers



Top Right: Mark Corrado gets a base hit. **photo by Kristy Dalrymple**

Top Left: The player on the opposing team realizes that he cannot get past the Blue Raider baseball defensive efforts. **photo by Kristy Dalrymple**

Bottom Right: Dewon Brazelton strikes out yet another hitter. Already on the Tampa Bay Devils team, Brazelton does not start playing until the 2002 baseball season. **photo by Kristy Dalrymple**

Bottom Left: Jason Howarth swings the bat in the on deck circle in preparation for his upcoming at bat. **photo by Jonathan Trundle**

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MT Recruits for Upcoming Season

compiled from MT Media Relations

The Middle Tennessee baseball team turned a successful 2001 season into an impressive 2002 recruiting class.

The Blue Raiders have added seven players to their roster, and each of them could help the team right away.

The Blue Raiders inked right-handed pitcher Chris Mobley from Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett High School and catcher/ infielder Josh Archer from Henry County High School in Paris during the early period. Both earned First Team All-State honors.

The late period has seen infielder Chad Cooper from Garrett Junior College in McHenry, Md., infielder Nate Jaggers from Louisville, Ky.'s Pleasure Ridge Park High, left-handed pitcher Danny Borne from Marshall County High School and Brett Carroll from Knoxville's Bearden High School sign with Middle Tennessee.

The team has also added transfer Travis Horschel from Tennessee Tech to the fold. Horschel is a native of Smyrna.

"We are very pleased with the recruits that we have signe,"head coach Steve Peterson said. We felt like we needed to get some guys that could contribute right away and we feel like we have done that with this class. We lost our starting catcher and three infielders along with four pitchers, so we obviously needed help. We think we have gotten it, but only time can determine what these players will be able to do."

As Peterson eluded, the Blue Raiders will be without the services of 2001 starters catcher Kyle Thomas, first baseman Kris Lammers, second baseman Josh Renick and third baseman Brandon Johnson. Pitchers Dewon Brazelton, Jason Moates, Kevin Davis and Lammers are also missing from the 2002 landscape.

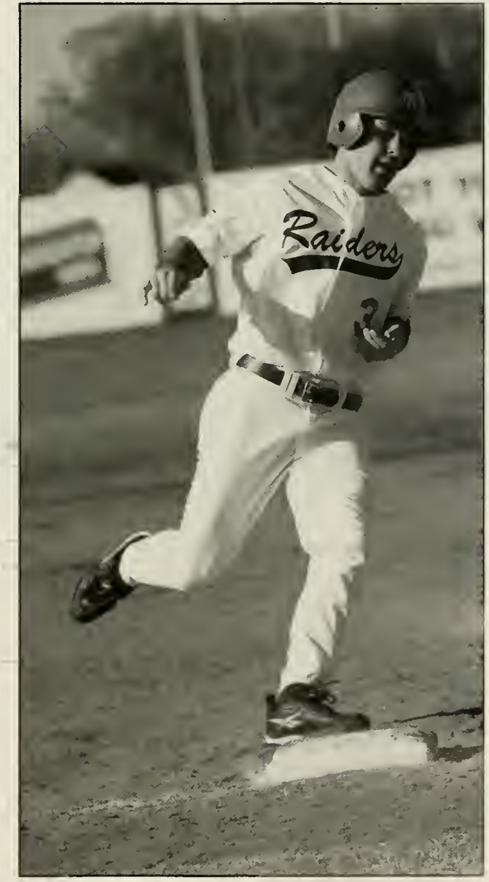
The Blue Raiders put together the second-best record in school history with a 41-17 record. The 2001 Blue Raiders also posted several milestones including a first-ever Sun Belt championship and the program's first ever at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Dewon Brazelton became the school's first-ever first-round draft pick when he was selected third overall by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Brazelton set the single season and career strikeout records at Middle Tennessee during the season.

The Blue Raiders equaled a school record with four players (Brazelton, Renick, Moates, and Lammers) selected in the Major League Amateur Draft.

Left: A Blue Raider player slides into the base before the jumping baseman can come down with the tag.

Right: Justin Simms rounds third base and heads towards home plate.



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Above: An intense Amanda Kendall delivers her pitch. Kendall threw a no-hitter during the 2001 season in which the Lady Raiders went to the finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. **photo by Matthew H. Starling**

Below: Jennifer Martinez swings for her first career homerun. During the 2000-01 season, Martinez had a .329 batting average. **Photos by Matthew H. Starling**

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Lady Raiders Sweep Motlow State In Fall Scrimmage

compiled from MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee softball swept visiting Motlow State 10-1 and 6-0 and even the rain that halted game two couldn't put the fire out of the Lady Raiders on Friday, Oct. 5, 2001 during a scrimmage game against rival Motlow State.

Senior pitcher Jennifer Martinez showed why she owns every career pitching record at MT in the first game. She struckout12 batter , walked 2, allowed 4 hits and one unearned run in five innings of work.

Catcher Lindsay Azevedo went 2-3 with one run, an RBI and 2 doubles. Erica Buhl led the team with a 3-4 game including one RBI, two runs scored, a double and a stolen base. Martinez batted 2-3 with 2 RBIs and a double.

In the second game, Stayc Preater got the call on the mound and went four innings with1 hit and 7 strikeouts. Senior Amanda Kendall worked the final two innings and struck out 6 and had 2 walks.

Azevedo struck again in the second game with a homerun,an RBI and a run scored. Everybody but the pitchers working the game got a turn at bat in game two.

Top Left: Lady Raiders watch with anticipation as the game progresses.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

Above: Lindsay Azevedo blocks a pitch in the dirt preventing it from becoming a pass ball.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

All-American *Running*

compiled from MT Media Relations

For the third time in his career, Middle Tennessee track and field standout Godfrey Herring earned All-American honors in the 400-meters after finishing fifth at the NCAA Championships at the University of Oregon.

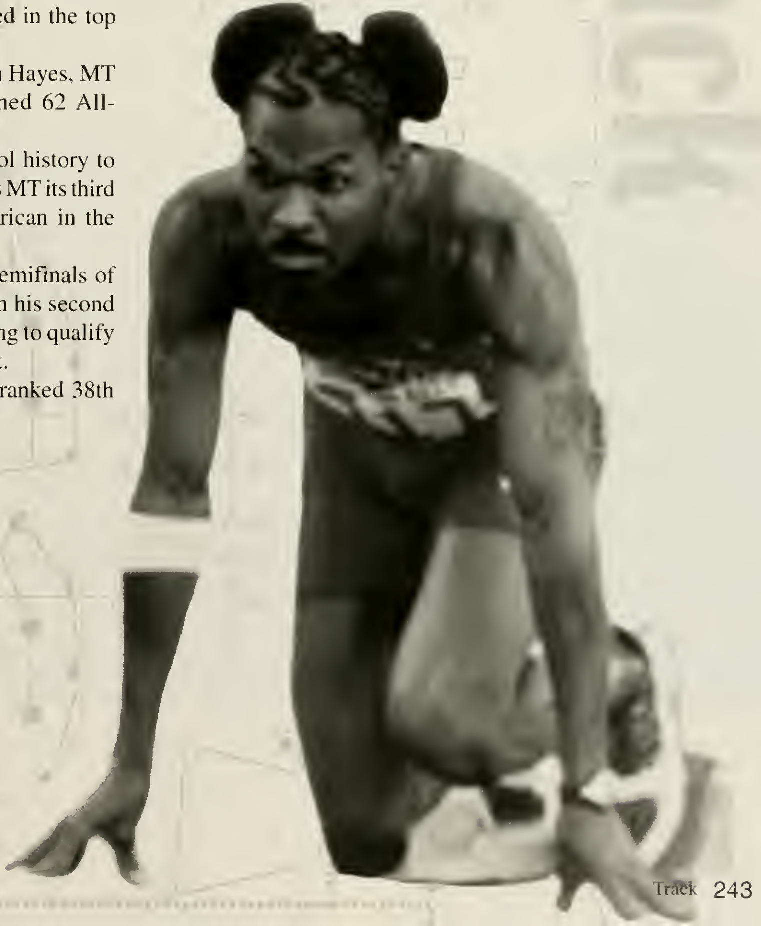
Herring, who qualified for the finals with the third best time at the Championships, ran a 45.81 marking the third straight time that he has finished in the top nine in the nation in the 400-meters.

Under the direction of head coach Dean Hayes, MT track and field athletes have now earned 62 All-American honors over the past 30 years.

Herring, the only Blue Raider in school history to earn All-American in the 400-meters, gives MT its third straight year with at least one All-American in the Outdoor season.

Jasper Demps, who competed in the semifinals of the 110-meter hurdles, was unable to earn his second straight All-American accolade after failing to qualify for the finals finishing seventh in his heat.

With Herring's fifth place finish, MT ranked 38th nationally as a team.



Left: Godfrey Herring sprints in a track comepetition held at MTSU.
photo by Jon Trundle

Right: Godfrey Herring prepares for the race and waits for the signal to begin.
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An Insider's View of the Canada Games

by Stephany Reid

Stephany Reid, a senior member of the track and field team at Middle Tennessee State University, competed in the Canada Games for the second time this summer. She won a bronze medal in both the long jump and the triple jump. She also competed in the 4x100 relay. In this exclusive column, Stephany recounts her experiences in the Canada Games.

The Canada Games are an opportunity for young athletes across Canada in almost every sport imaginable (from indoor sports such as basketball and volleyball to outdoor ones such as sailing, rugby, soccer, track and field and beach volleyball) to come together for a week of fun and competition. Canada Games are held every two years -- alternating between summer and winter games.

I have had the privilege of competing in two consecutive games. In 1997, the games were held in Brandon, Manitoba and this past summer (2001) in London, Ontario. My involvement both times in the games was as a member of my provincial track and field team (New Brunswick).

My experience athletically was very rewarding. In 1997, I placed fourth in the long jump and won the silver medal in the triple jump. In London, I returned as team captain and had more experience under my belt. My three years of collegiate track and field has exposed me to numerous high caliber competitions; therefore preparing me mentally and physically to compete at both the national and international level. At the 2001 games, I am pleased to say that I won two bronze medals -- one for long jump and one for triple jump. I was also a member of the 4X100m relay team that placed seventh.

What I enjoy the most about these games (apart from the track and field competition itself) is having different sports come together. There are so many other sports that I love but miss the opportunity to see because of my dedication to my own sport. Canada Games give athletes, coaches, volunteers, parent and sports fans the opportunity to see various sports being

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Left and Right: Two Lady Raiders compete in the long jump track competitions during an indoor meet at MTSU's Murphy Center.
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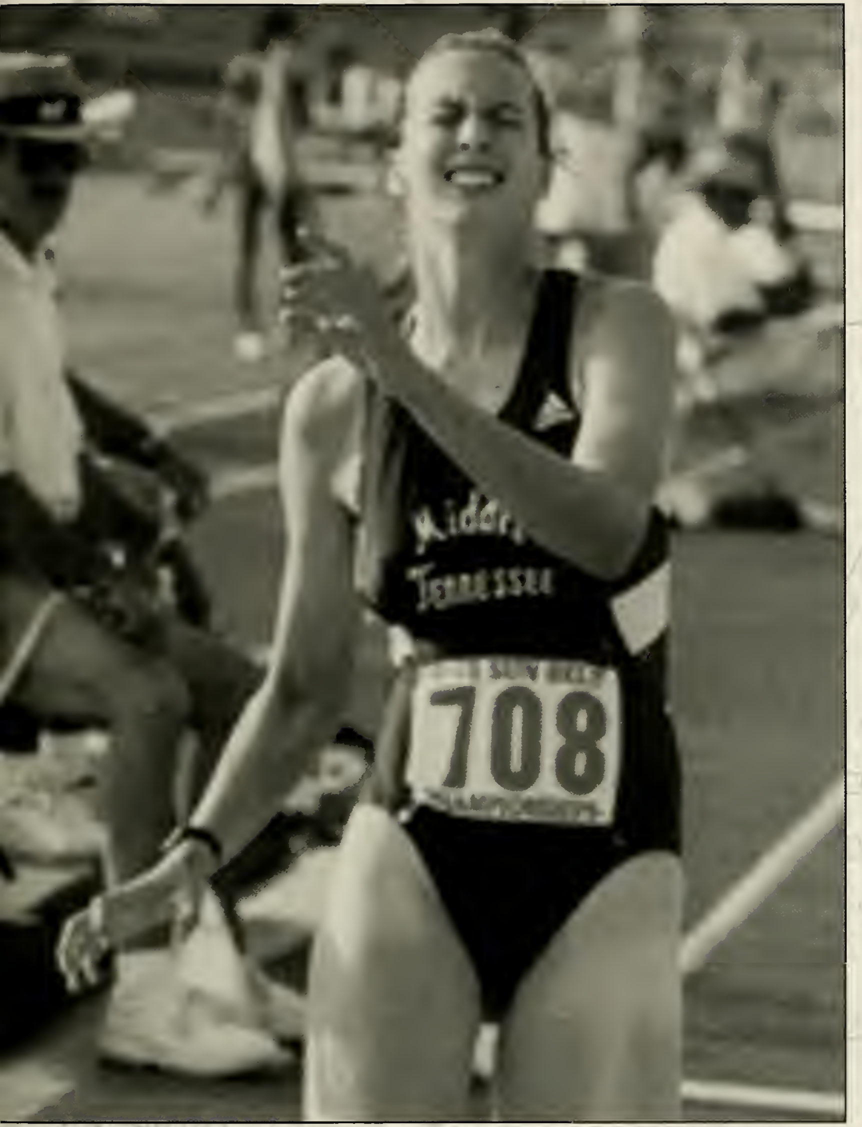
Women's Track


Above: Stephany Reid after finishing another competition. She recently placed third in the Canada Games.
photo by MT Media Relations

layed together in very close proximity. These games offered for our entertainment not only sports, but also cultural vents. Artists were chosen from each province and territory in the areas of dance, music, photography and painting. The rtists came together for two weeks to display their talents and perform for the public.

The thing I will remember the most about these games, and the part that made them so special, was having my two isters (Sarah and Sandra) there with me, competing against me. I cannot think of a better way we could have spent the ast few weeks of summer. My parents also drove up to watch us compete -- it was their first time seeing any of us ompete at the national level. I was very excited to have them there rooting me on!

The unique aspect of the Canada Games is the pin trading. People buy, sell and trade pins all week with the other rovinces trying to receive every other province's pin. This ritual is a great way to meet people, find out where they are rom and what sport they do. The great thing is not only do you meet people from other provinces you don't know, but ther sports teams from your own province.

I have made many life-long friends with athletes both on my team and off. It is the fun times that I have spent with hese people, taking in the atmosphere and spirit of the games that will be remembered forever.

Swinging Towards the Green

Wade ties for 15th

compiled by MT Media Relations

Senior J.R. Wade carded his third straight par 72 to finish tied for 15th at the Rio Pinar Intercollegiate. Wade's three round total was 216 on the Rio Pinar Country Club Course.

As a team, the Blue Raiders shot a solid 292 in the third round, but was unable to advance up the leaderboard. Middle Tennessee shot 889 for the tournament to finish 14th in the 15-team field.

"We simply did not play as well as we have been the previous two tournaments, but I was pleased with how steady J.R. (Wade) played," head coach Johnny Moore said.

Behind Wade was junior Patrick Williams, who tied for 57th with a total score of 226. Charlie Gibson tied for 60th in the tournament with a 227.

Willie Daniel, who had an up-and-down tournament, tied for 62nd with a 228. Daniel had a 73 and 75 in the first and third rounds, respectively, but had a disappointing 80 in round two. Freshman Carter Henderson completed the scoring by tying for 72nd with a 233. Henderson, who had an 82-80 the first day, came back impressively on Tuesday by registering the best round of the tournament by the Blue Raiders with a 71.

J.R. Wade powers the ball aross the fairway. In the fall 2001 season, Wad
shot a team low score of 71 in the first round of the Fall Beach Classic.
staff photo

trick Williams readies his drive. Williams shot a 73 in the Fall Beach assic, which is the final tournament of the Blue Raiders fall season. **oto by sidelines staff**

Wade, Blue Raiders finish seventh

compiled by MT Media Relations

J.R. Wade shot a two-under par 70 on the final day of the Fall Beach Classic to finish tied for seventh overall. Wade, who is one of the hottest golfers in the Sun Belt Conference, had a five under par, three-round total of 211.

As a team, the Blue Raiders finished in seventh place in the 12-team tournament with a score of 293-287-290=870. SBC foe Arkansas State won the event with an 844.

"I thought we would have played better as a team in the final round," head coach Johnny Moore said. "We made some real mental mistakes on the course today, which came back to hurt us. I was extremely proud of the way J.R. (Wade) played. I also saw some good things out of freshman Carter Henderson."

Wade wasn't the only Blue Raider impressing in the final round. Senior John Beddies came back after two disappointing rounds to fire a season best 69 to finish tied for 33rd. Freshman Carter Henderson also tied for 33rd with a 221.

Charlie Gibson had a 222 total to place in a tie for 40th, while Patrick Williams tied for 44th with a 223.

The Fall Beach Classic concludes the fall portion of the 2001-02 schedule for Middle Tennessee. The team starts the spring season at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic.

Golf 2001 Roster

John Beddies	Sr.	Paris, TN (Henry County)
Blake Bivens	So.	Etowah, TN (Faulkinberry St. CC)
Taylor Bowers	So.	Nashville, TN (Davidson Academy)
Willie Daniel	So.	Tullahoma, TN (Tullahoma)
Charlie Gibson	So.	Brentwood, TN (Brentwood HS)
Carter Henderson	Fr.	Nashville, TN (MBA)
Dane Randle	Sr.	Albany, GA (Deerfield-Wyndsor)
Andy Vaughn	So.	Murfreesboro, TN (Oakland)
J.R. Wade	Sr.	Glasgow, KY (Glasgow)
Patrick Williams	Jr.	Chattanooga, TN (Soddy-Daisy)

A Stroke of Excellence

Lady Raiders Tie for 6th at Lady Panther Intercollegiate

compiled from MT Media Relations

In its final golf tournament of the fall season, Middle Tennessee finished in a tie for sixth at the Lady Panther Intercollegiate. The Lady Raiders shot a 324 in the final round of the weather shortened tournament. Due to heavy frost on Monday morning the tournament was changed from a 54-hole event to a 36-hole event.

"We played better today than we did Monday, but we still left a lot of shots on the course," head coach Kim St. John said. "Overall, I am pleased with the way we continued to get better as the season went along. For a first year program, I thought we did okay. Now we have to learn from our experiences and be prepared for a great spring season."

Tamara Munsch was once again the Lady Raiders' top finisher by placing in a tie for 13th with a two round total of 161. Munsch shot an 80 in Tuesday's final round. Kandace Burnett played one of her best tournaments by finishing in a tie for 18th only one shot back of Munsch with a 162.

Kristin Lynch carded a round of 80 on Tuesday to place in a tie for 22nd with a 164, while teammate Amanda Harter finished 36th with a 170. Kemmerlee Pennington completed the scoring with a 179 to tie for 41st.⌘

Above: Candace Burnett powers her drive over the fairway. Burnett shot an 80 in the Lady Panther Intercollegiate.
photo by MT Media Relations

Lady Raiders have Top Finish of Season

compiled by MT Media Realations

The Middle Tennessee women's golf team finished a season best ninth at the UALR Lady Trojan Classic. The Lady Raiders, who were in eighth after two rounds, shot a final round 325 to slip back one spot. MT shot a season-low 952.

"We are showing signs of improving, but we simply have to do better in the final round," head coach Kim St. John said. "We're getting better with each tournament, but we just need to put it all together one time. These are the best scores we have posted this year, but I know we can do better."

Sophomore Tamara Munsch led the way with a three-round total of 231 to finish in a tie for 13th. Munsch had her best final round score of the year on Tuesday by shooting a 79, which enabled her to collect her top overall finish of the season. Junior Kandace Burnett tied for 26th with scores of 78-80-78=236. Like Munsch, Burnett enjoyed her best final round score of the year with a 78.

Freshman Kristin Lynch picked up her top finish of the year by placing in a tie for 37th. Lynch posted rounds of 81-79-81=241. First year player Amanda Harter tied for 54th with a 246 (77-82-87), while Kemmerlee Pennington completed the scoring by finishing in a tie for 62nd. Pennington shot a three-round total of 251 (79-85-87).

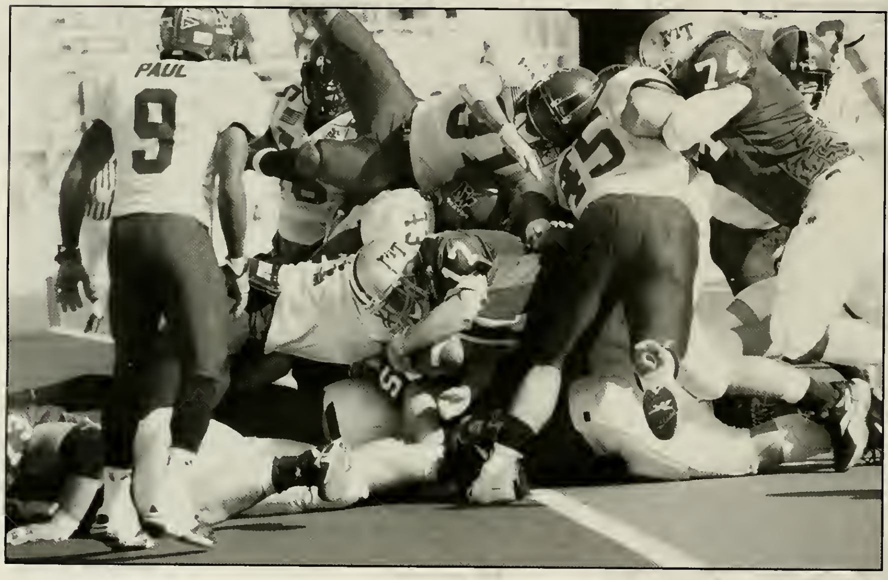
Above: Tamara Munsch smashes her drive towards the green. Munsch leads her team in the 2001 fall season with a 79.2 stroke average.
photo by MT Media Relations

2001 Roster

Nicole Biles	5-2	Jr.	League City, TX (Clear Creek)
Kandace Burnett	5-3	Jr.	Monahans, TX (Monahans)
Amanda Harter	5-9	Fr.	Soddy-Daisy, TN (Soddy-Daisy)
Kristin Lynch	5-4	Fr.	Tullahoma, TN (Tullahoma)
Tamara Munsch	5-10	So.	Hays, KS (Hays)
Becky Newell	5-8	Fr.	Louisville, KY (Ballard)
Kemmerlee Pennington	5-7	Fr.	Crossville, TN (Cumberland Co.)
Rachel Sanders	5-3	Fr.	Powell, TN (Powell HS)

Remembering The Remarkable Season

A Recap of 2001...



Not that the curtain has closed on the Middle Tennessee football season, but the fat lady is humming the alma mater fight song backstage as the bowl committee tests the sound system.

But if the Music City Bowl comes calling, the Blue Raider show will step back on stage for one more encore. In the off-chance that this act of justice does not present itself after an impressive 8-3 season, a walk through of the MT 2001 season is the next best thing available for those that can't seem to put the Blue Raiders on the shelf yet.

Vanderbilt: The Blue Raiders are the favorite for the inaugural Sun Belt Conference championship, but that doesn't mean much to the SEC and their favorite whipping post, the Vanderbilt Commodores. So, the Blue Raiders took their act down to Nashville to inform Vanderbilt that they will have to continue to keep cellar duty in the state of Tennessee. MT answers all questions on whether they are worthy members of Division 1-A football when they returned to Murfreesboro with a 37-28 victory.

Troy State: Welcome home Blue Raiders! The second largest crowd in Floyd Stadium history convened to watch the Blue Raiders break the seal on their first home game as they demoralized the Troy State Trojans 54-17. The game set the tone for the Raiders' sheer dominance at home as well as proving that Murfreesboro did have a pulse.

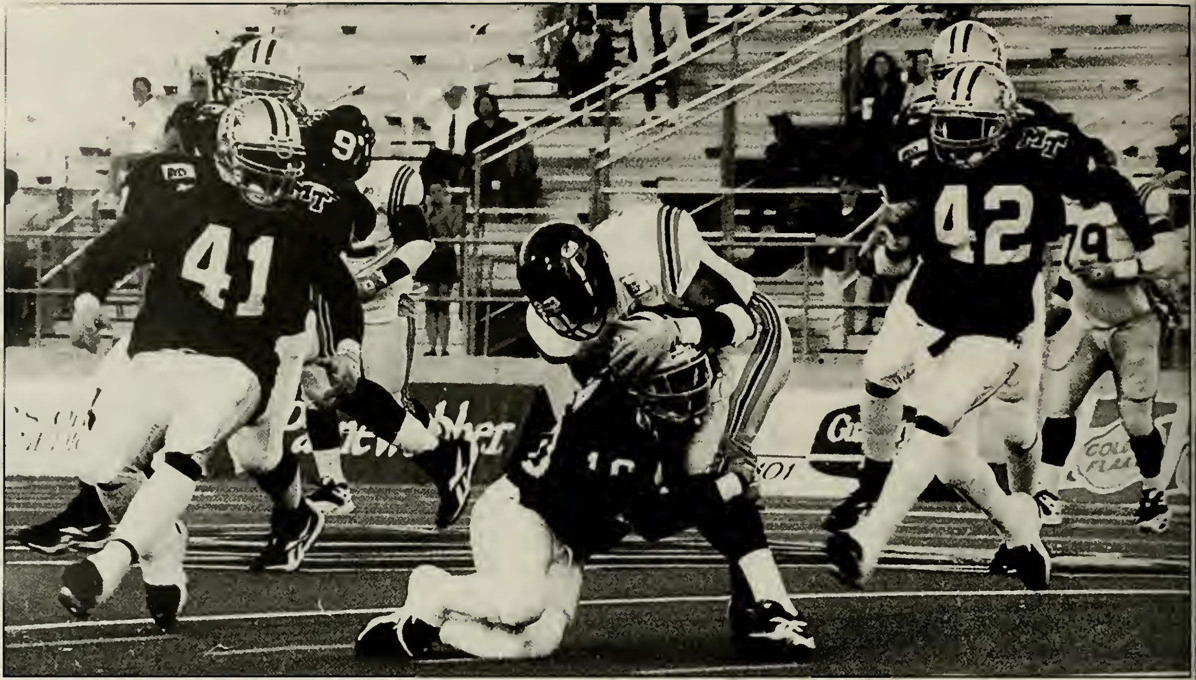
Louisiana-Monroe: This was the first of three trips down south into Bayou Country, and the very first Sun Belt Conference game ever played. And, of course, MT claimed it for their very own with a 38-20 barnburner. When the smoke cleared, MT emerged holding the kerosene and the match, and every Sun Belt Conference award the league had to offer. Linebacker Scotty Brown won defensive player of the week honors Quarterback Wes Counts earned the offensive award, and punter Robert Billings took the

FOOTBALL

Left: Wes Counts scores the first touchdown of the New Mexico game.

Middle: Tyrone Calico runs the ball as Julius Grant blocks a would-be tackler.

Right: Dwone Hicks, Kendall Newson, and Tyrone Calico celebrate after a touchdown.
photos by Amy Jones



Chris Johnson (10) takes out an Arkansas State player while Scotty Brown (41) and Brandon Lynch (42) come for backup. **photo by Amy Jones**

special teams recognition.

Louisiana-Lafayette: This game was the biggest test of the season for the number one ranked offense in the country. They had to return to Louisiana to face the Ragin' Cajuns, one of the Sun Belt Conference's most selfish defenses. And though the Blue Raiders took another win from Louisiana, the Cajuns exposed a sign of weakness in the MT armor. The feared passing attack was held to 5 of 17 completions and 53 yards in a 26-9 victory.

Idaho: The Blue Raiders return home to introduce the Idaho Vandals to Sun Belt Conference play. The introductions got friendly as the two combined to set a NCAA record with 128 total points scored. The 70-58 final left black tread marks on the Floyd Stadium turf, and provided even more questions about the Blue Raider squad as they allowed Idaho to climb back into the game with 48 second half points.

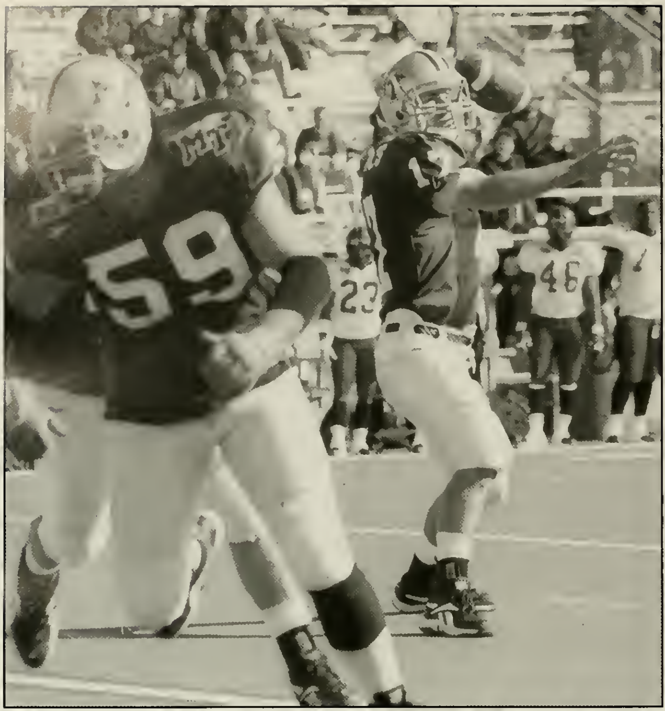
North Texas: The hopes for a trip to the New Orleans Bowl were washed away in a Mean Green as the MT weaknesses of the past two games were fully exposed against the best defense in the conference. The Blue Raiders fumbled as many times as they scored (three times), and were sent home with a black eye to their perfect record. North Texas proved that the Blue Raiders are only as good as their running game, which was practically nonexistent with a mere 123 yards on the afternoon. The final score appeared closer than the game let on. The 24-21 score actually was a glaring indication of what happens when a top offense takes a day off.

Ole Miss: The Blue Raiders had every intention of taking their frustrations out on the SEC bully and its favorite son, Eli Manning. They just about accomplished their goals until wilting in the fourth quarter under the Mississippi burning, losing 17-45. The offensive machine of the Blue Raiders seemed to be hydroplaning.

New Mexico State: To quote Al Michaels, "Do you believe in miracles?" The Blue Raiders used a 28-point fourth quarter rally to keep their home winning streak intact, and to keep their hopes of a Sun Belt Conference championship alive. This game also displayed the re-emergence of the Blue Raider defense as they completely shut down the Aggie offense in a memorable fourth quarter. It also appeared that the fourth quarter stops by the Raider defense coaxed the beaten MT offense from out of the corner, as they took a 39-35 win.

Arkansas State: Will the real Blue Raiders please stand up. The MT squad that bushwhacked Vanderbilt, Troy State and New Mexico State in the fourth quarter showed what home field was all about as they embarrassed Arkansas State in front of a modest Floyd Stadium crowd. The final score was reminiscent of the offense that had been so highly touted at the beginning of the year as they

Dwone Hicks runs the ball against Troy State.
photo by: Amy Jones



Top: Wes Counts looks for a target to pass the ball to against New Mexico.

Bottom Left: Kendall Newson makes another reception and tries to avoid a New Mexico defender.

Bottom Right: Head Coach Andy McCollum speaks at a press conference.
photos by Amy Jones

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tattooed a 54-6 score on to Arkansas State.

LSU: When MT wants a challenge, they go hunting for SEC big cats. When they want adventure, the Blue Raiders travel down south to one of the largest, most hostile venues in college football Tiger Stadium. The Blue Raiders endured another loss to SEC competition, but they continued to prove that the conference is not totally out of their league. The Blue Raider defense held the LSU Tigers to a mere field goal in the second half though the final outcome favored the opponent, 30-14.

Connecticut: Though the season would end without the ticket to the New Orleans Bowl, MT will send 16 seniors down the graduation line with a 8-3 2001 season record, and a 11-game winning streak at home. They beat the Huskies on both sides of the ball and the game ended with a lopsided 38-14 score. Wide receiver Kendall Newson ended his career with a catch in 43 straight games, while Dwone Hicks posted a back-to-back 1,000-yard season. Wes Counts led the nation in completion percentage, and the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders will end the season co-champions of the Sun Belt Conference.

Bowl Hopes: The water is still murky, but rumors ripple down the Murfreesboro grapevine that the lack of Big East bowl-eligible teams opens a slot for the Music City Bowl. Now, whether that slot opens for the Blue Raiders has yet to be determined, but the chances don't look too shabby that MT could face its fourth SEC opponent of the year.

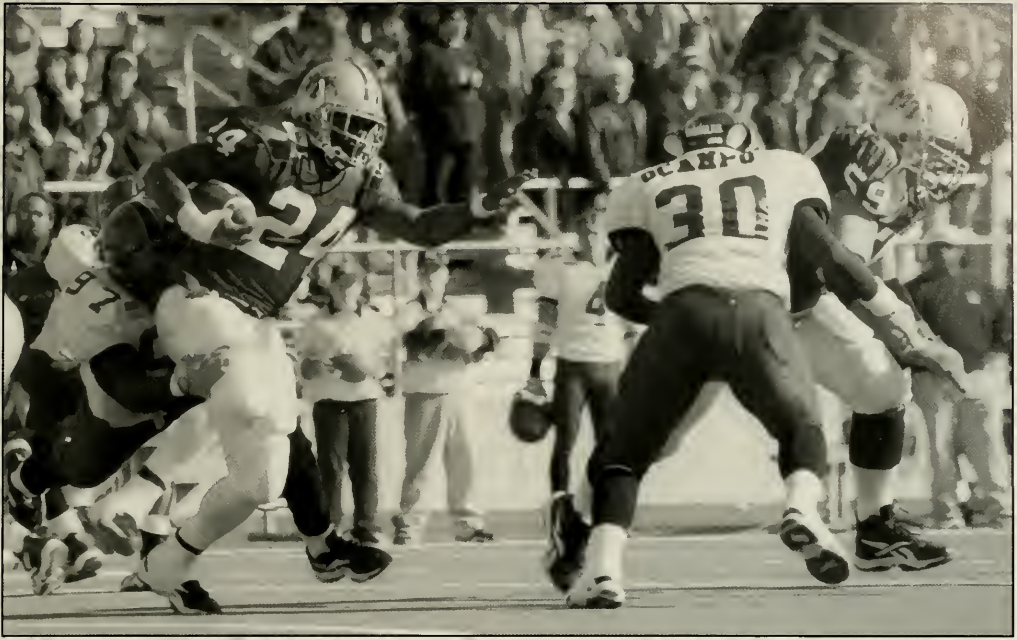
But regardless whether the Blue Raiders receive the stiff-arm from the bowls, or receive the opportunity to even the score on the SEC, their efforts should be saluted. Coach McCollum and his staff have lifted the small blip of a football school to national prominence, and the sixteen seniors can walk away knowing they have helped inflate the image of 'Little Middle'.

Top: Dwone Hicks breaks past another defender and picks up some more yards.

Left: Players listen as Kacy Rodgers direct the defense.
photos by Amy Jones

Kendall "Rod" Higgins prepares to tackle a New Mexico player. **photo by Amy Jones**

1	Kerry Wright	WR
2	Michael Woods	LB
3	Hansford Johnson	WR
4	Nick Payne	WR
5	Muhammad Rashada	DB
6	Wardell Alsup	DB
7	Andre Green	QB
8	Hashem Joyner	WR
9	Andrico Hines	QB
10	Chris Johnson	DB
11	Kareem Bland	DB
12	Kendall Newson	WR
13	Quan Domineck	TE
15	Lance Phillips	QB
16	Jason Johnson	QB
17	Wes Counts	QB
18	Joe McClendon	DB
19	Jykine Bradley	DB
20	Robert Billings	P
21	Jamison Palmer	RB
22	Brian Kelly	PK
23	Alvin Fite	LB
24	Rashard Lee	RB
25	Cha Cha Berry	DB
26	Blake Morris	LB
27	Tyrone Calico	WR
28	Don Calloway	RB
29	Rod Higgins	DB
30	P.J. Johnson	DB
31	Rondell Newson	WR
32	Alvin Norris	WR
33	Dwone Hicks	RB
36	Shawn Allen	DB
37	Chris Matusek	DS
38	Johnathan Shaw	DB
39	John Madrick	FB
40	Chris Gatlin	LB
41	Scotty Brown	LB
42	Brandon Lynch	DB
43	Avery Hatten	FB
44	Fletcher Williams	LB
45	Billy Durham	LB
46	Chris Hough	LB
47	Sheldon Durham	LB
48	Jason Spray	FB
49	Brad Cooper	K
50	Gary Sanders	OL
52	Louis Kemp	LB
53	Joey Montalbano	LB
54	Randy Arnold	LB



Rashard Lee (24) runs the ball down the field and trys to escape from a Troy State defender. **photo by Amy Jones**

55	Josh Willoughby	OL
57	Glen Elarbee	C
58	Anthony Hood	DE
59	Brandon Westbrook	OT
65	Joe Moos	C
67	Julius Gant	OL
69	Brett Trott	OL
70	Seth Grabo	OL
71	Jonathan Barry	OL
72	David Coy	OL
73	Bill Brasch	OG
74	Jonathan Proby	TE
75	Brandon Parker	OL
76	Shavaskey Brown	OL
77	Kevin Pascoe	OL
79	Preston Portley	OL
80	David Youell	WR
81	Reggie Polk	TE
82	Lucas Frost	TE
83	Sean Saylor	WR
84	Reggie Jones	WR
85	Chris Henry	WR
86	Wes Stephens	DE
88	Brett Bucher	TE
89	Curt Brown	LB
90	Samuel Smith	DE
91	Steve Ellison	DT
92	Tanaka Scott	DE
93	Thomas Johnson	DT
95	Jonathan Callahan	DE
96	Curtis Daniely	DT
97	Jerry Vanderpool	DT
98	Demetrios Walker	DE
99	Kai Zeigler	DT

Head Coach: Andy McCollum
Assistant Strength Coach: Jason McManus
Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Ends: Kacy Rodgers
Defensive Coordinator: Steve Davis
Defensive Tackles: Howard McMahan
Director of Football Operations: Tom Fiveash
Graduate Assistant: Gary Camp
Graduate Assistant: Curtis Henderson
Head Trainer: Bobby Barlow
Linebackers: Kevin Fouquier
Quarterbacks: Alex Robins
Running Backs: Darin Hinshaw
Strength Coach: Robb Rogers
Tight Ends: Floyd Walker

the Sound of Spirit

Everyone seems to forget that the band is the sound and spirit behind sports and other activities. The band spends endless hours of practice and determination so that every note they play is perfect and every performance is flawless. So next time you are at an event that is full of spirit, intensity and fun, take a look at the band and remember that they are the ones who make it that way for you and others.

photos by Matthew H. Starling

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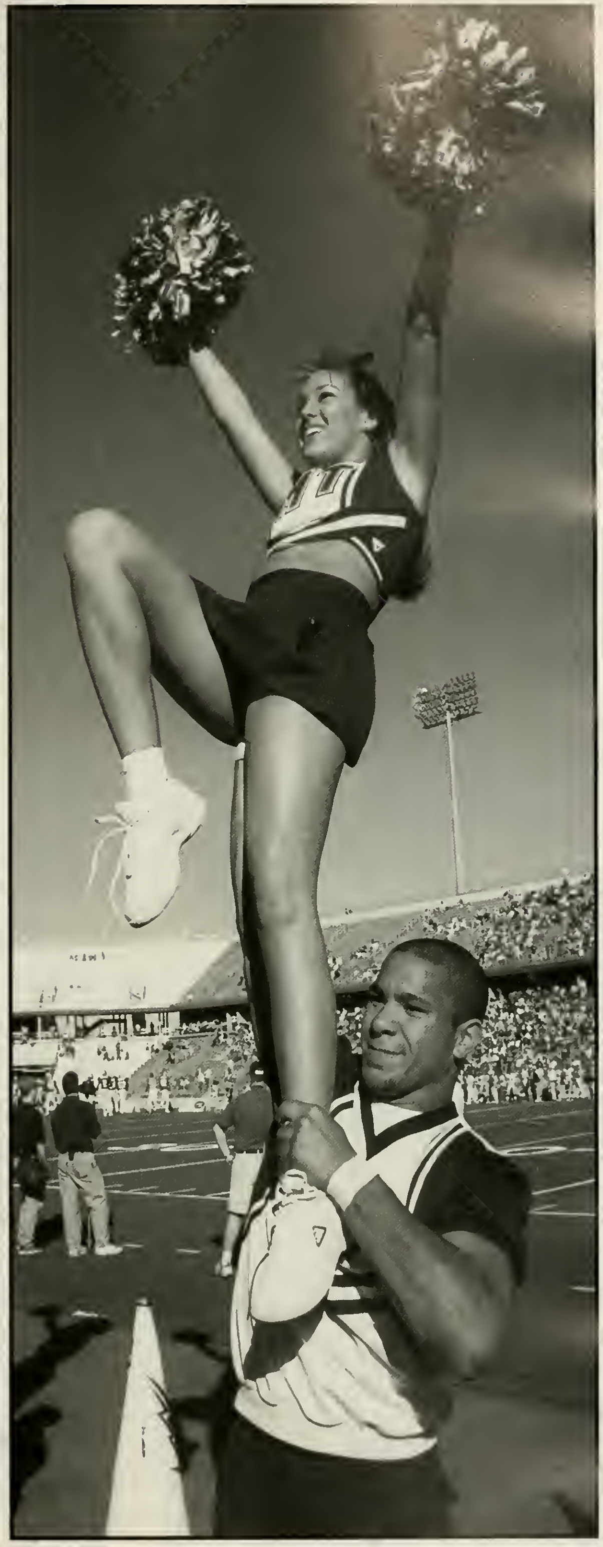
Cheering

Behind every great athlete stands someone cheering. At Middle Tennessee, the cheerleading squad supports many sports. Whether it's standing outside in 40 degree weather for the football team or raising the roof in Murphy Center for the basketball team, the cheerleaders at MTSU do everything in their power to aid their fellow athletes in competition.



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Cross-Country

Running the Distance at Lightning Speed

Lagat Wins Second SBC Cross Country Title

compiled by MT Media Relations

Geoffrey Lagat did it again.

The sophomore from Kapsabet, Kenya, successfully defended his Sun Belt Cross Country Championship with a winning time of 24:14.23.

"Lagat ran a great race," said head coach Dean Hayes. "He was up with the leaders the entire time and he took the lead a little over four miles into the race. He kept pushing and won by about 20 seconds."

Even bigger for Lagat is the fact that he got a measure of revenge by defeating Seth Bortey from Arkansas State, who had beaten him in an earlier race.

Lagat toiled in relative obscurity within the conference this season despite a win and two runner-up finishes in the three races in which he had run prior to the SBC Championship.

The Blue Raiders utilized Lagat's strong performance to finish fifth in the meet. Levi Sybert continued his strong running with a 12th place finish at 25:59. 31. Anthony McGary was the next Blue Raider to cross the finish line in 20th place at 26:37.33.

"I thought all of our guys ran well, especially the top three. We ran about as good a race that we could have," said Hayes.

Steve Safstrom finished in 46th, Carlos Gonzales was 51st, and Josh Carroll was 59th. The Blue Raiders day was rounded out by Bryan Picklesimer in 66th position.

The Lady Raiders finished in 11th place in the championships. Erin Russell pacing the team in 48th place.

The Cross Country Championship is the first event of the season that adds points in the All-Sports Trophy Race.

Aug 31	Belmont Invitational
Sep 15	Western Kentucky Invitational
Sep 22	Vanderbilt Invitational
Oct 6	UAB Invitational
Oct 13	Austin Peay Invitational
Oct 27	Sun Belt Championship

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Geoffrey Lagat sprints to the finish line. He finished his championship-winning race in 24:13.23.
photo by MT Media Relations

Men's Individual and Team Results

Josh Carroll
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (18)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 28:24.49 (28)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 29:37.38 (83)

Carlos Gonzales
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (36)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 29:50.35 (37)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 30:16.53 (105)

Brent Greer
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (73)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 34:31.59 (52)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 34:19.78 (187)

Chris Hanson
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) DNC
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 32:39.12 (49)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 32:20.34 (158)

Dallas Jones
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (65)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) DNC
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) DNC

Geoffrey Lagat
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (1)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 25:26.47 (2)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) DNC

Anthony McGary
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (21)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 28:10.90 (24)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 28:13.32 (39)

Brian Picklesimer
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (56)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 32:08.02 (48)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 33:23.62 (176)

Sean Rabe
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (71)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 32:01.45 (47)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 32:53.32 (167)

Steve Safstrom
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (27)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 28:13.70 (25)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 28:41.72 (58)

Levi Sybert
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (5)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) 26:55.43 (13)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (8K) 27:26.20 (13)

Vanderbilt Classic (9/22 - 8 K)
1 Emory 69
2 Murray State 86
3 Western Kentucky 110
4 Louisville 113
5 Belmont 116
6 Vanderbilt 184
7 Northern Kentucky 203
8 Lynchburg 252
9 Birmingham Southern 254
10 Middle Tennessee 263
11 Rhodes 264
12 Covenant 344
13 SEMO 355
14 Hanover 384
15 Austin Peay 387
16 U. of the South 405
17 Lipscomb 425
18 Tennessee Tech 493
19 Alabama A&M 499
20 UT Martin 531
21 Lee University 663
22 Cumberland 690
23 Freed-Hardeman 709
Top MT Finisher: Levi Sybert (13)

Belmont Invitational (8/31 - 5 K)
1 Western Kentucky 45
2 Belmont 58
3 Middle Tennessee 72
4 Vanderbilt 79
5 Evansville 123
6 Austin Peay 164
7 Univ. of the South 189
8 Lipscomb 192
9 North Alabama 264
10 Tennessee State 292
11 Cumberland 308
Top MT Finisher: Geoffrey Lagat (1)

WKU Old Timers (9/15 - 5 mi.)
MT 35
Morehead State 22
MT 33
Western Kentucky 22
Top MT Finisher: Geoffrey Lagat (2)

Left: Geoffrey Lagat beats his opponent in a close race.
photo by MT Media Relations

Women's Cross-Country
Moving in the Right Direction

compiled by MT Media Relations

The Lady Raider team continued to improve their running abilities. The ladies participated in a 6K run with Erin Russell the top finisher. Her time of 27:53.59 was good enough for 31st. Regina Raccuglia turned in another strong showing with a 33rd place finish and a time of 28:18.79.

Kapreia Kirk, running in only her second event since taking last season off, finished 36th at 28:39.40.

Colleen Parker finished 45th, Tori Blander came in 47th, and Sabrina Smith ended in 48th place to round out the Lady Raiders' afternoon.

"I'm seeing good things from both teams," said head coach Dean Hayes. "We need to keep on the same path as we head toward the Sun Belt Conference championships."

Women's Individual and Team Results

Tori Blander
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (2 mi.) NA (68)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (6 K) 32:34.03 (47)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) DNC

Jameka Collins
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (5K) NA (84)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (5 mi) DNC
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) NA (224)

Kapreia Kirk
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (2 mi.) NA (67)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (6 K) 28:39.40 (36)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) Injured

Coleen Parker
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (2 mi.) NA (87)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (6 K) 31:49.80 (45)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) NA (205)

Regina Raccuglia
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (2 mi.) NA (60)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (6 K) 28:18.79 (33)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) DNC

Erin Russell
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (2 mi.) DNC
9/15 WKU Old Timers (6 K) 27:53.59 (31)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) NA (138)

Sabrina Smith
Date Event Time(Finish)
8/31 Belmont Invit. (2 mi.) NA (81)
9/15 WKU Old Timers (6 K) 32:34.34 (48)
9/22 Vanderbilt Classic (5K) NA (204)

Vanderbilt Classic (9/22 - 5K)
No Team Finish Posted
Top MT Finisher: Erin Russell (138)

Belmont Invitational (8/31 - 2 mi)
1 Belmont
2 Western Kentucky
3 Vanderbilt
4 Evansville
5 Tennessee State
6 Sewanee
7 Lipscomb
8 Austin Peay
9 North Alabama
10 Middle Tennessee
11 Cumberland (TN)
Top MT Finisher: Regina Raccuglia (60)

WKU Old Timers (9/15 - 6 K)
MT 46
Morehead State 15
MT 50
Western Kentucky 15
Top MT Finisher: Erin Russell (31)

Volleyball

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Above: A Lady Raider serves the ball. **photos by Amy Jones**

Volleyball Splits

compiled by MT Relations

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team beat Samford 3-2 in the first game and then lost to Wake Forest in straight sets at the Turkey Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

In the game against Stanford, Erin Hillstrom had a career high 21 kills to go along with 10 digs and 3 service aces. Shakeithia Deckard recorded a double-double with 21 kills and 22 digs. Deckard surpassed Mary Rickman for the second all time in kills in one season with 494. Rickman had 483

Final Tournament

Other Lady Raiders that contributed in the win were Dara McClean who had 10 kills and 12 digs and Karisse Baker who added 11 kills and 12 digs.

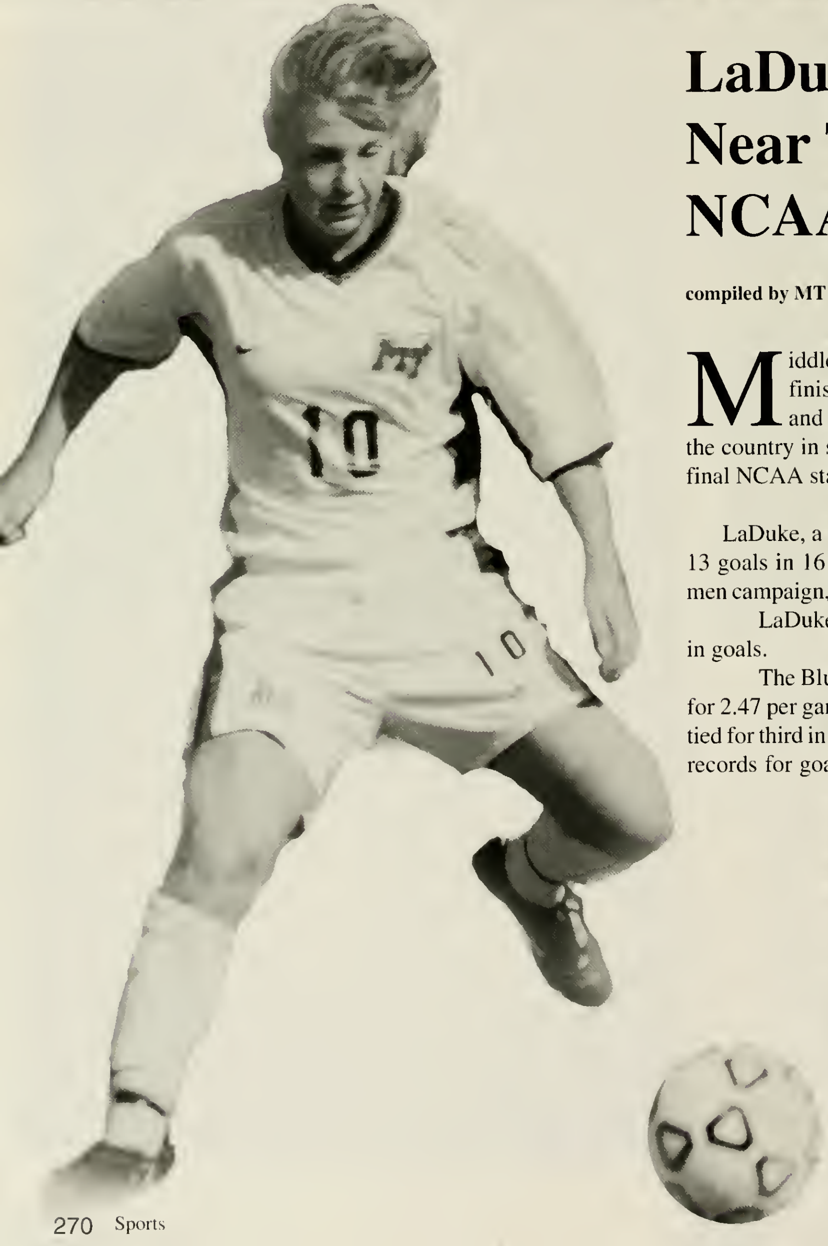
Hillstrom recorded her second double-double of the afternoon with 15 kills and 12 digs. Hillstrom was the only player to record double digits.

The Lady Raiders finish the season with a record of 10-23 and finished in the Sun Belt Conference with 4-10.

Above: Karisse Baker spikes the ball against her opponent.
photos by: Amy Jones

Scoring on the Pitch

Lady Raiders finish season 10-9



LaDuke, Team Finish Near Top of NCAA Statistics

compiled by MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee forward Danielle LaDuke finished 11th in the nation in goals per game, and the Blue Raiders ended the year 15th in the country in scoring offense for the 2001 season in the final NCAA statistics released over the holidays.

LaDuke, a 5-7 forward from Liverpool, N.Y., scored 13 goals in 16 games for the Blue Raiders in her freshmen campaign, leading the squad in goals and points (27).

LaDuke finished third in the Sun Belt Conference in goals.

The Blue Raider team netted 47 goals in 19 games for 2.47 per game average, good for 15th in the nation and tied for third in the conference. The 2001 squad set school records for goals, assists and points in a season in com-

Left:: Lisa Langrish (from Dorset, England) shows some of her moves and gives an idea how the English play the lovely game of "football."
photo by Amy Jones

photos by Amy Jones: Laura Miguez (20), Ashley Hicks (12), Emily Carter (16), and Lindsey Bopp (22) show off some of their skills and abilities.

Tennis

Another Successful Season

by Brandon Morrison

Middle Tennessee's tennis team has put up some amazing numbers during the 2000-2001 tennis season. After starting 57th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA)'s rankings, the Blue Raider tennis team moved its way through the rankings to finish out the season at 41. With an impressive 16-8 record, the team looks forward to another season of play.

During the season, MT defeated some highly ranked teams. The team's early win over No. 37 Louisville set the stage for the rest of the season with wins over No. 39 Purdue, No. 27 Indiana State, and a momentous run at the Sun Belt Championship. The team made it to the finals before losing to No. 11 South Alabama.

In the fall 2001 season, the team had two of its players, No. 18 Daniel Klemetz and No. 50 Robert Gustafsson, selected to play in the Omni Hotels National Indoor Championships Nov. 8-11, 2001 in Dallas, Texas.

Klemetz finished the fall season 11-5 after making the semifinals of Omni Hotels Region III Championships. He is 6-4 against ranked opponents, including a victory over 19th-ranked Tiago Ruffoni in the quarterfinals in the tournament.

Gustafsson started the fall season winning the CCM Labor Day Tournament in Mobile, Ala., where he too defeated Ruffoni in the tournament semifinals. A hip flexor injury has slowed Gustafsson and prevented him from playing singles in the Region Championships. He and doubles partner Oliver Foreman made the Round of 16 in the tournament before losing to teammates Trevor Short and Michael Staniak 9-8.

The double's team of Klemetz and Gustafsson won the backdraw in the Omni Hotels National Indoor Championships.

Top Left: Robert Gustafsson awaits the return of his volley.
Top Right: Greg Pollack watches for the return after serving.
Bottom Left: Kirk Jackson attacks the net to win the point.
Bottom Right: Robert Gustafsson attempts to return a hard-hit volley.
photos by Amy Jones and Becky Pickering

Women's Tennis

Kruse's quest for success

by Randall Thomason

Manon Kruse, Middle Tennessee women's tennis player, has come a long way in one year. Having grown up in Hamm, Germany, Kruse packed her bags and moved to the United States to play tennis at MT in 2000.

"I was very scared," Kruse said of arriving in Murfreesboro. "I didn't know anybody."

Kruse admittedly did not play well her freshman season. She was in a new land, spoke little English, missed her family, and battled an ankle injury. The biggest adjustment for Kruse was being away from her family. "I missed my family a lot last year."

After a year in the United States, however, Kruse has become much more comfortable. "I still miss my family, but I can handle it better now," she says.

Kruse's opponents wish she had never adjusted to life in America. Her tennis has blossomed into some of the best the nation has to offer this year. Her singles' record of 9-2 includes victories over the #17, #29, #51, and #84 ranked players in the NCAA. MT women's tennis coach Randy Holden is thrilled to have Kruse.

"She is more athletic than all of her opponents," he said. "She has one of the best forehands in college tennis. She's 90 percent there to becoming an All-American."

Kruse entered the UNC-Wilmington Invitational earlier this fall as the top- seeded player in the field. This ranking caused some slight discomfort for her.

"I didn't think I would win; I felt a little pressure being the #1 seed."

Kruse delivered under pressure, winning the singles' championship at Wilmington.

She followed that by claiming another singles' championship at the prestigious Furman Invitational, vaulting her name into the elite of college tennis.

The business administration major also is a terror in doubles' competition, a format of play Kruse said she enjoys more than singles. She and partner Stacy Vardell have posted an 11-2 record, ranking 8th nationally. Vardell's play compliments that of Kruse. "Her returns are huge," Kruse said.

"They are just outstanding. I like to volley at the net, so after her returns, all I have to do is finish the points."

Kruse boasts an all-around game that has few weaknesses. She says that her backhand could use some work, but she strives to improve all facets of her game. This constant work, she hopes, will help her accomplish the goals she has laid out for herself.

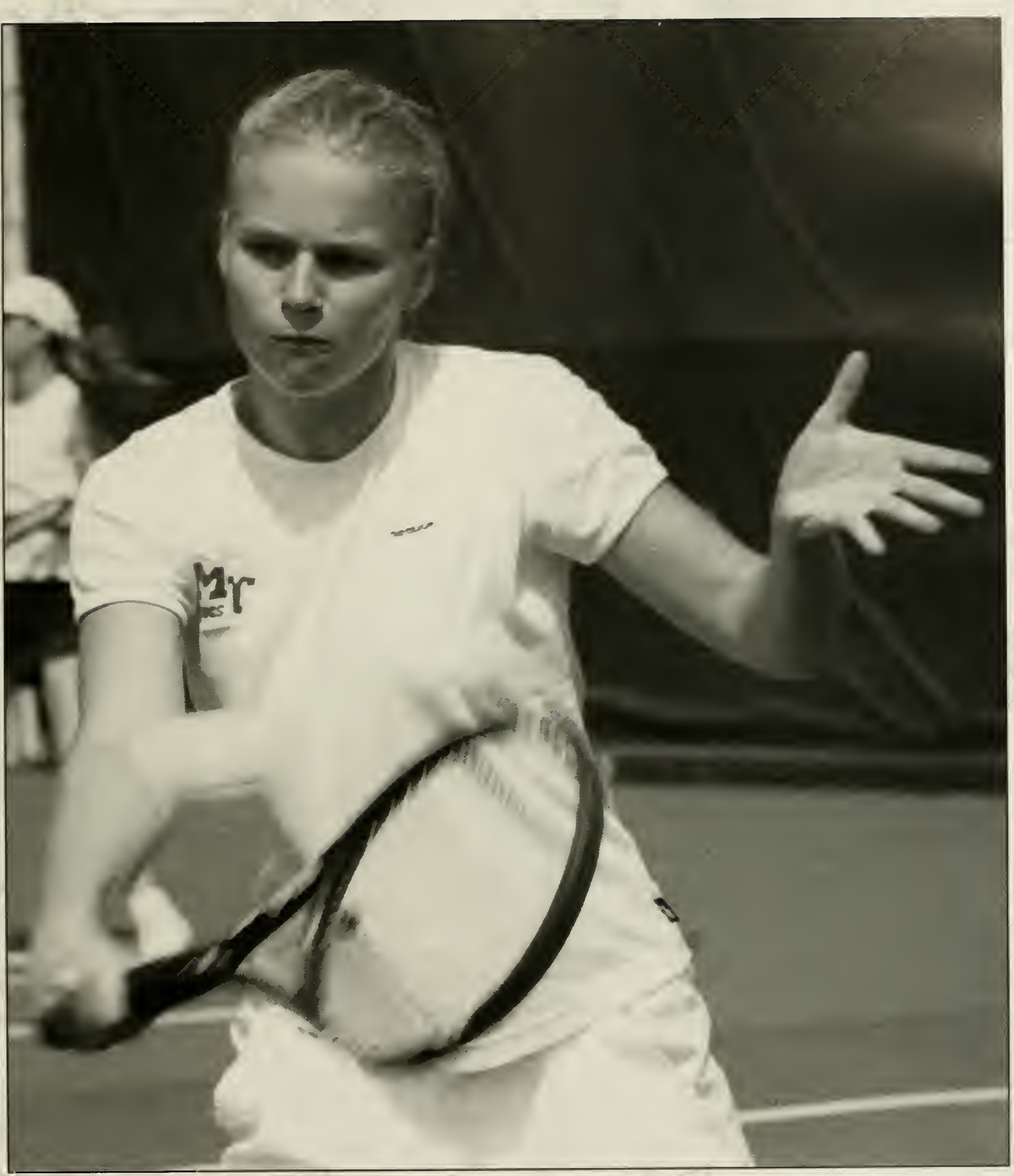
"I want to play in the NCAA tournament" she said. I want the team to play in the NCAA tournament."

Kruse also said she aims to become an All-American, a feat that would require a top 16 finish in the NCAA championships. Despite Kruse's remarkable success, she expresses no desire to play professionally.

"It would cost a lot," she said. I don't want my parents to have to pay that, and that would put so much pressure on me."

Kruse is content right where she is, consistently winning for MT.

Tanya Buchheim	So.	Lanshut, Germany (Tachoberschule)
Michaela Gridling	Jr.	Hard, Austria (Sportgymnasium)
Jennifer Klaschka	Fr.	Kaufering, Germany (Fachoberschule Bad Worishofen)
Manon Kruse	Fr.	Hamm, Germany (Gymnasium-Hammonense)
Stacy Varnell	So.	Marietta, GA (Sprayberry)
Carien Venter	Fr.	Pretoria, South Africa (Waterkloff)



Above: Manon Kruse returns a serve to her opponent. Kruse moved to the United States in 2000.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

Women's Tennis

Rallying to win

Above: Manon Kruse works on her backhand in practice. Kruse played in the spring season after an injury kept her out of the fall 2000 season.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

by Colleen Cox

The Lady Raider women's tennis team comes home seeking to find the winning touch.

Middle Tennessee's fall began with the hiring of coach Randy Holden on Sept. 6,2000. Holden came in trying to replace the top two players from last year's team.

Middle participated in two fall tournaments — the Middle Tennessee Invitational and the June Stewart Invitational at Vanderbilt University. Holden experimented with his team during this time. He was trying to find out what his ladies were capable of and sought consistency.

"We're learning a lot in singles," Holden said after the Middle Tennessee Invitational. "We're learning how to play tight matches and do the right things."

The Lady Raiders also played the fall schedule without No. 1 player Manon Kruse. Kruse was injured during the fall, but has made a big impact during the spring. She is currently ranked within the top 40.

Holden said, "She leads by example."

The spring brought a tough schedule for the Lady Raiders. A schedule that is filled with ranked opponents from the SEC, Big Ten, and ACC.

"I moved them up into flights they normally wouldn't compete in," Holden said. "We have to get to where we're used to playing at a high level."

The Lady Raiders started the spring season at home against UT-Martin. Middle came out on top in that match which brought about some optimism.

"I was very pleased especially with it being the first match out," Holden said after the match. "We have some fundamentals to work on, but overall I was pleased."

"I was very pleased with our doubles. That has been our strength and I hope that continues all year."

From there Middle has taken to the road playing 12 matches away from Murfreesboro. The Lady Raiders have faced nine ranked opponents going 1-8 in those matches.

Middle Tennessee beat 26th ranked Clemson on Feb. 10. That win was only the second of the season.Then the Lady Raiders continued on to beat Furman — the first non ranked opponent they played in seven matches.

"This is a huge win," Holden said after the Clemson match. "We have been close in a lot of individual matches, but we just haven't been able to break through."

Most recently the Lady Raiders lost to 31st ranked Georgia Tech. Holden however is not discouraged.

"I want to keep playing this type of competition," he said after that match. "This team continues to fight hard, and I think it is going to make us better."

Junior Michaela Gridling has been a big factor in the tough matches. When the matches were on the line against Clemson and Furman, Gridling stepped up with two key victories.

After the match against Tennessee, Middle will be home for six of their next eight matches. Holden says this will be a big help for his team. He feels his team would have two more wins had they played in Murfreesboro. Holden also claims that his team is better outside than inside.

Another key player Holden says is "looking to make a move" is freshman Carien Venter.

Middle is currently ranked 56th. Holden says he would like to reach the top 45. The Lady Raiders will be helped by the weaker part of their schedule.

"We're getting closer and closer, and we're giving ourselves opportunities to win," Holden said.

Left: Jennifer Klaschka practices her singles game in preparation for her next match.
photo by Matthew H. Starling

Aiming Toward *the basket...*

by Amy Jones

After a close 65-59 loss to Belmont Nov. 26 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team is set to travel to Radford, Va; Saturday to take on Radford University in a non-conference showdown.

The Blue Raiders are currently experiencing an almost perfect start to the 2001-02 season with a 3-1 record after the loss to Belmont. This notes the first 3-0 start for MT since the 1994-95 season when the Blue Raiders went 4-0 to start the season.

RU has started the season with a 2-3 record and plays in the Big South Conference. Only one of those wins has been at home with an 85-72 win over University of North Carolina-Wilmington. The Highlanders average 79 points a game while their opponents sit at 71.2 points per game.

RU holds a .512 average in field goal attempts and a .470 average in three-point field goals. They also average 9.4 three-point field goals per game.

Leading the Blue Raiders in scoring is 6'8" forward William Pippen. Pippen has 54 points this season and averages 13.5 points per game. He also had a game scoring high against UNC-Greensboro with 25 points and 6 boards. Pippen has shot into double digits two out of the four games.

Close behind Pippen is freshman guard Tommy Gunn with 50 points and a .500 shooting percent average.

After three games and an exhibition, MT leads its opponents in scoring 81 to 63.5 per game. The Blue Raiders hold a .364 average in field goal attempts and a .653 in three-point field goals.

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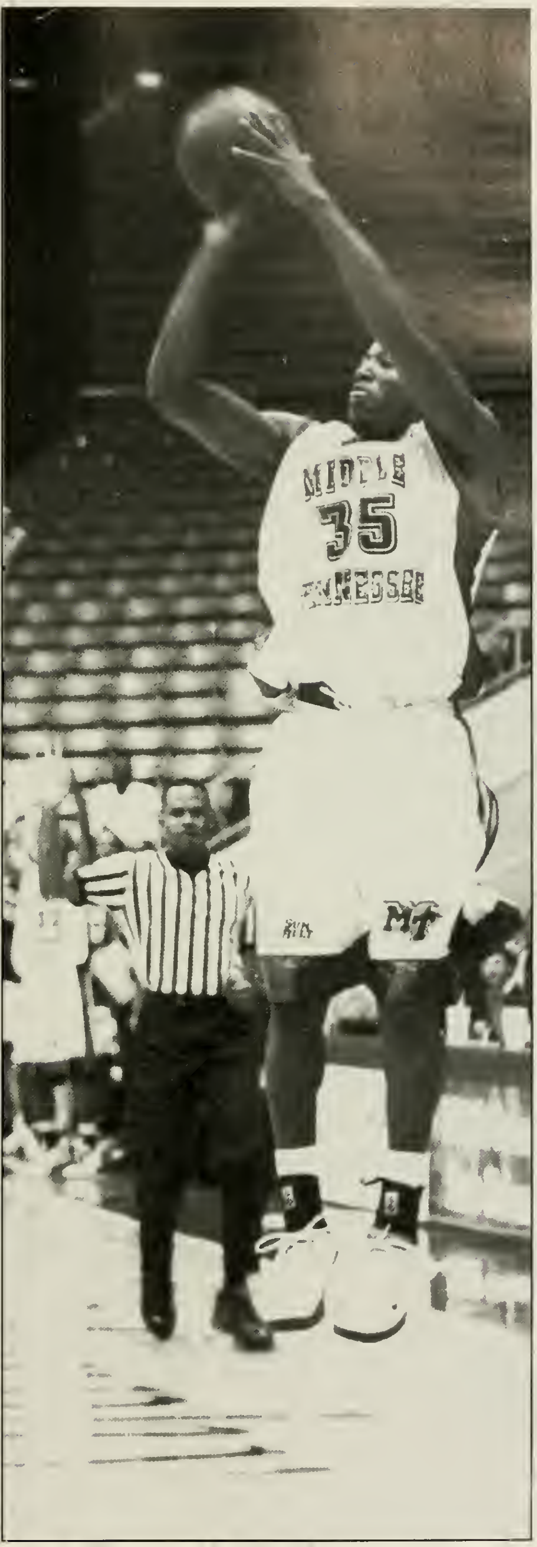
Above: Lee Nosse blocks the IUPUI offense.
Middle: Iiro Tenngren stretches for two against West Florida.
Right: John Humphrey shoots for three.
photos by Amy Jones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Basketball

Steven Jackson dunks the ball against West Florida.
photo by: Amy Jones

2001 Roster

1	D'Marius Wilkes	G
3	William Pippen	F
4	Steven Jackson	F
5	Jermale Wilkerson	G
11	Eric Parham	G
12	Fred White	F
22	Iiro Tenngren	F
23	Derek Glasper	G
30	Garrick White	G/F
32	Tommy Gunn	G
33	Lee Nosse	C
34	Bryant Mitchell	F
35	John Humphrey	G
44	Luigi Lopes	F
50	Demario Watson	F
52	Charles Anderson	F

Head Coach: Randy Wiel
Assistant: Gerald Harris
Assistant: Andy Herzer
Assistant: Jim Ryan

Attacking *the* Basket

Justice was Served

compiled by David Hunter

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team finished the recent road trip with a key victory that put them back in Sun Belt Conference title contention.

The Lady Raiders (9-7, 2-2) broke a two game conference losing streak and evened up their conference record with a 75-63 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette.

Jennifer Justice had a career-high 19 points to lead MT to win. Justice started off the game scoring 10 of MT's first 12 points in the game. She went 7-for-10 from the field and 5-for-6 from the foul line.

"I told Jennifer that this was the player we recruited," said head coach Stephany Smith. "She is finally coming out and showing what she can do."

The Lady Raiders jumped out to an 18-point lead in the first half shooting 55 percent from the field. MT led 41-23 at halftime. In the second half, ULL cut the lead to ten points with 2:17 left in the game. Patrice Holmes put the game away for MT with a three-pointer with 1:45 minutes remaining.

The Lady Raiders finished the game shooting 47 percent. Nine different players scored for MT.

"Even when they cut it to 10, I was confident we could mix it up and get the win" Smith said."What I was most concerned with was our defensive awareness throughout the game."

The Lady Raiders were not as fortunate against New Mexico State in an 88-67 loss. The Lady Aggies broke a school record with 13 three-pointers in the contest, nine coming in the second half. Jenia Dimitrova hit 6 in the game for the Lady Aggies.

"New Mexico State leads the conference in three point shooting," Smith said. "It was a key part of our game plan to stop their perimeter shooting and obviously we didn't get it done."

Senior Jamie Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 19 points. Mia Parviainen tied a career high with 15 points in the game.

Opposite Page Left: Joanne Aluka soars past an Ole Miss defender.
Opposite Page Right: Forward Jennifer Justice (12) goes for two against Life College.
photos by: Amy Jones

Top: Jessica McClure (11) attempts to out dribble Paula Penttila (10).
Bottom: Paula Penttila outs her defensive moves against Life College.
photos by Amy Jones

Women's Basketball

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Right: Ciara Gray (00) shoots for two while Keisha McClinic (5) tries to block her.
photo by: Amy Jones

Above: Coach Stephany Smith discusses strategy with the team during a timeout in a recent game. **photo by Kristy Dalrymple**

2001 Roster

00	Ciara Gray	Guard	5-9	FR	LaVergne, Tenn. (LaVergne HS)
05	Keisha McClinic	Guard	5-10	SO	Stockbridge, Ga. (Eagles Landing HS)
10	Paula Penttila	Guard	5-9	JR	Lahti, Finland (Salpausselka)
11	Jessica McClure	Guard	5-6	SR	Paris, Tenn. (Henry County HS)
12	Jennifer Justice	Forward	5-11	SO	Aiken, S.C. (Central Florida CC)
13	Mia Parviainen	Guard/Forward	6-1	JR	Helsinki, Finland (Makelanrinne)
22	Tiffany Fisher	Guard	5-10	FR	Jackson, Tenn. (Northside HS)
23	Patrice Holmes	Guard	5-9	FR	Bishopville, S.C. (Lee Central HS)
24	Cartia Bailey	Guard	5-8	FR	Fayetteville, Tenn. (Lincoln County HS)
32	Eboni Kirby	Forward	5-10	FR	Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida A&M HS)
34	Renee Hall	Center	6-2	FR	Charlotte, N.C. (Charlotte Latin HS)
35	Jamie Thomatis	Forward	5-11	SR	Destrehan, La. (Ursuline Academy)
42	Jessica Schlueter	Center	6-3	FR	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (East HS)
52	Joanne Aluka	Forward	5-11	SR	Augusta, Ga. (Hephzibah HS)

Head Coach: Stephany Smith
Administrative Assistant: Kate Sullivan
Assistant Coach: Altherias Warmley
Assistant Coach: Eric White
Assistant Coach: Melanie Stephens

the Overlooked Men in Blue

The Men's Club Soccer Team

by Coach Jeff Dobay

The Men's Soccer Club is a member of The Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League. The SCSL. is organized into two conferences-East and West. In addition to MTSU., the clubs in the East Conference are Georgia Tech, The University of Georgia, Murray State University, Tennessee Tech, The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and The University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Vanderbilt University will join the East Conference for 2002 play. The SCSL. offers a season ending Championship Tournament, the winner of which receives an automatic bid to the NIRSA Collegiate Soccer National Championships being held in Bakersfield, Calif, in 2002.

With a 3-2-1 record in conference play, the MTSU. Men's Soccer Club finished third in the Eastern Conference and ranked fifth overall for the SCSL. Championships. In the NIRSA Men's Open Collegiate Soccer Championships, (held at the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa) the M.T.S.U. Men's Soccer Club recorded the first goal in their history at the NIRSA national tournament in a 2-1 loss to Rice University. Their next match earned their first NIRSA tournament victory with a 6-3 win over Wichita State University. MTSU. was eliminated from the tournament in a 4-3 loss in penalty kicks (5-4) to Louisiana State University-Lafayette. Visit: http://community.wevtv.net/mtsu menssoccer/Middle Tennessee.

Left: Matt Bogdan (4) dribbles past a Vanderbilt player after receiving a pass from Neil Williams (3).

Top Right: Chad Long (9), Andrew Bogdan (6), Michael Keene (11), and Matt Bogdan (4) surround a UT player in an attempt to win the ball.

Bottom Right: Alex Wolf (14), and Matt Bogdan (4) contain a Vanderbilt player.
photos by Peter Bogdan

Soccer

Sports

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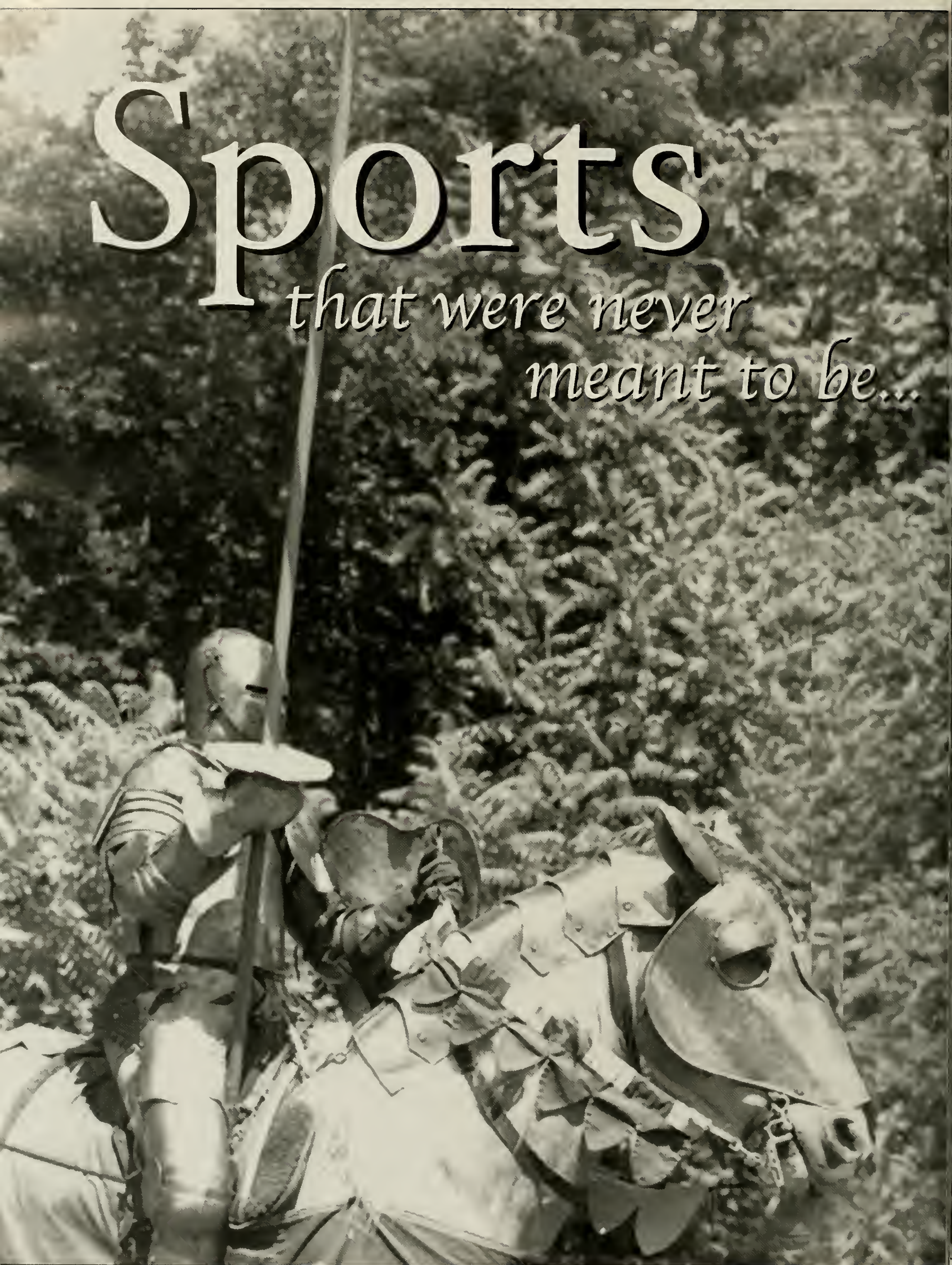
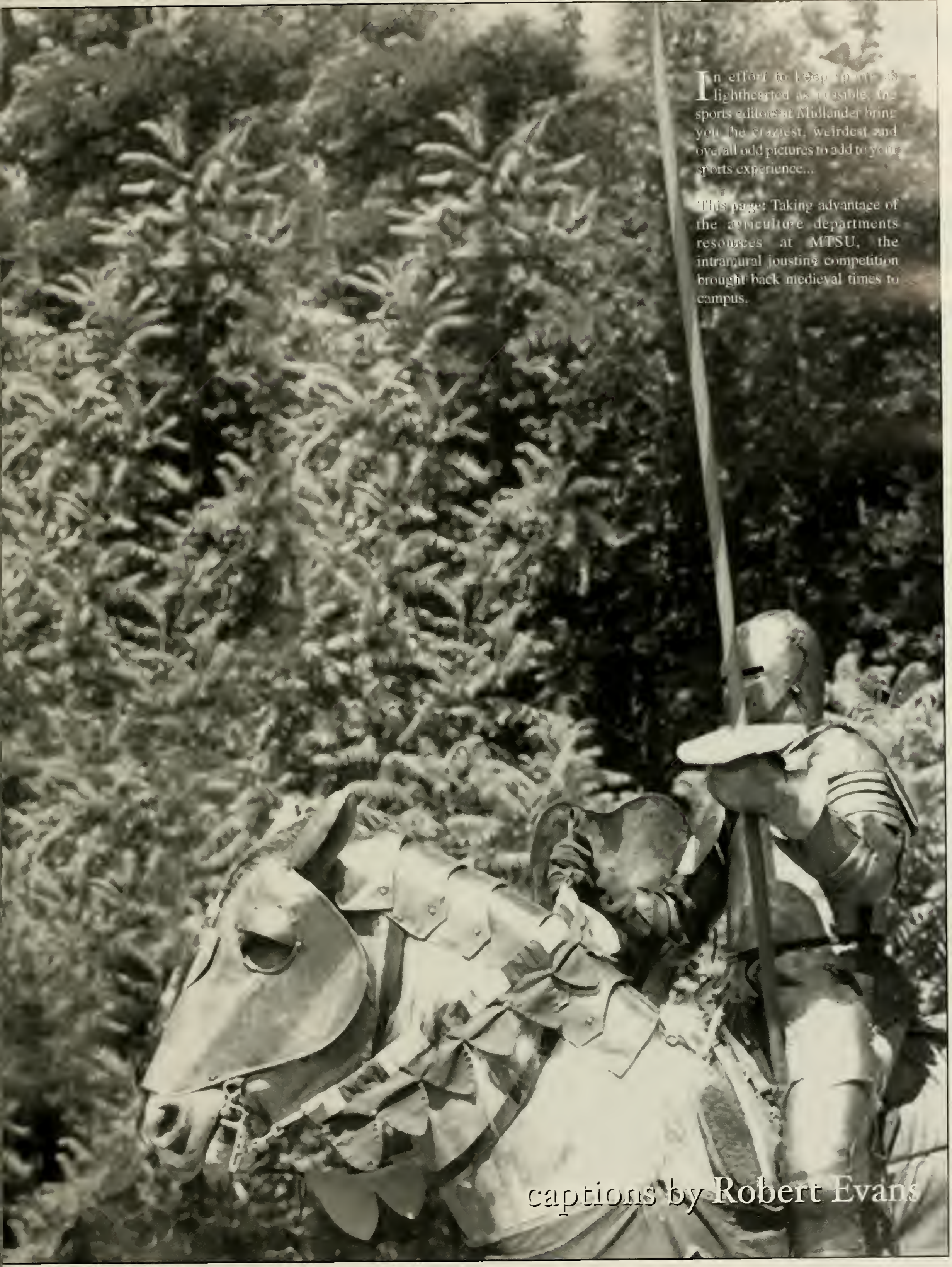




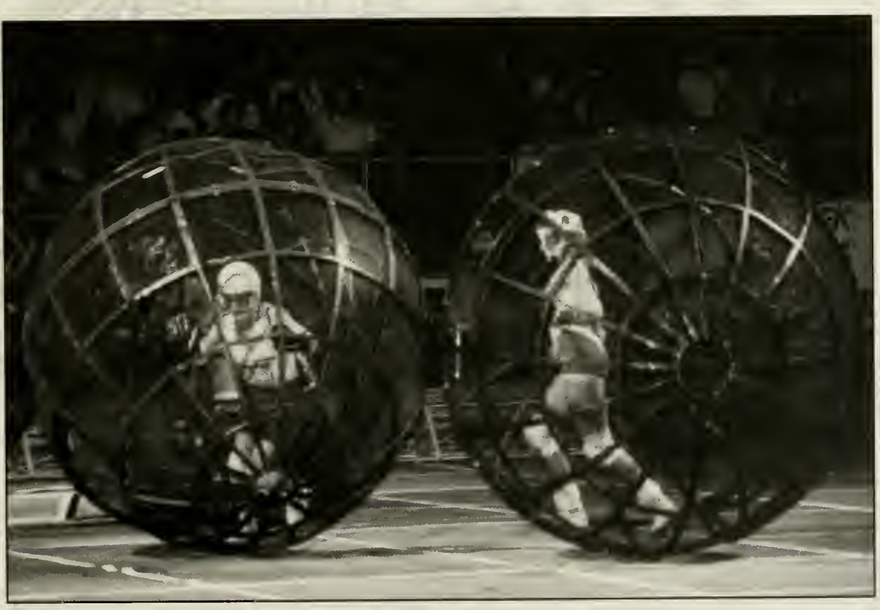
In effort to keep sports as lighthearted as possible, the sports editors at Midlander bring you the craziest, weirdest and overall odd pictures to add to your sports experience...

This page: Taking advantage of the agriculture departments resources at MTSU, the intramural jousting competition brought back medieval times to campus.

captions by Robert Evans

Combining protest of parking fees and the sport of skydiving into one, students scored points on who could land closest to their classroom. Because of their philanthropy, participants were disqualified if they landed in faculty parking lots without a white parking permit.

Judicial Affairs failed attempt to resolve student conflicts in a gladiator style intramural competition.



In the Interdenominational Praying Competition the loser whose prayer was more vain was sent to the Thursday night 20 Taps at Once competition.

SPIT FIRE
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The Spit Fire Chili competition pitted guts of steel with strong will in an attempt to "Spit Fire." Winners were determined by intensity, duration and smell. Causing a judge to pass out resulted in automatic winner by default.

other Intramurals

"The Enforcers"

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Sports
that were never meant to be

Above: A popular event on campus was standing in line. Many students went with out water and restroom breaks to keep from "losing" their spaces.

Left: When the floodwaters rise and you are stranded on The Knoll, never fear, the Intramural Sea-Rescue team meets during January and February to keep you high and dry.

Opposite Page: Hmmm....is he safe or is he out?

Above: For the not so athletic type, the intramural "spades" club was always a popular event on Saturday nights.

Below: This has nothing to do with intramurals. The Midlander staff was impressed that this man was lifting the weight of a car...Wow!!!

"The Homecoming King" nobody voted for... however, he was still "crowned" anyway due to his clever personality and effervescent smile.

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From the Editor:

This is the closing statement in my chapter as editor of Midlander. It has been a roller coaster of a year assuming the position as editor, trying to finish the previous yearbook, working for Sidelines as photo editor along with going to class and finding time to sleep. Oh yeah, I had to eat somewhere in there.

I have so many things I would like to say and say to certain people, but space is limited. I assumed the position with the idea of turning the yearbook around and getting it back on track – we accomplished that goal. Even with the loss of staff members, as usual, and the computer problems that would come up at every minute, we have reached the goal. This will be the first time in more than eight years that the yearbook has and will be on time.

I guess it is now time to thank those responsible for the good and bad times. I have met a lot of people in my 32 years and few are as hard working as Jennifer. You are headstrong and a wonderful person. I couldn't have done it without you. We made it through the long nights and problems that came up. Thank you. Rob, you are learning what is takes to make this work, and you are going to do great. We agreed and disagreed and it wouldn't have worked without you. Thanks for being there.

I have to thank Jenny Crouch, the yearbook adviser, for putting her faith in me. I am an older student and have been a professional photojournalist for over 16 years now in the media business, but college is a new ballgame to me. I have quickly learned that college students are VERY different than the soldiers I was in charge of in the Army. College life is different than the nine years of military life, and that is a true learning experience.

To all those who came through for me in a pinch and those who stayed with us through the end I really appreciate your time and help. Matt Bogdan, you are great. You stuck with us instead of graduating and that says a lot for you. To my family and friends who toughed it out during all the work I have done and times they have had to wait on me due to work. To my true love, thank you so much for sticking with me after all those times you waited for me and had to bare with my stress.

To all those who were a royal pain in my neck, I do not thank you. I am being polite here. I will not use this as a soapbox, but there are some people out there who need an attitude adjustment. This yearbook is going to be a great tool for the students of MTSU to get experience and learn – so all of you who do not believe in it, open your minds.

Thanks again to everyone who helped, supported and stuck by me.

Matthew

Congratulations
Little Buddy
We are proud of you!
Love,
Mom&Dad

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Maria Lynne Hargis

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments so far in your life. Your ability to adapt to any situtation and shine is proof of your determination and integrity. Thank you for being such a wonderful person and

From High Atop Monteagle Mountain

Congratulations Brooke!

Dean, Jackie & Kreh

Tina Barwick

We all wish you the best! Even Jenny!! Make the best of your time at MTSU. Work hard and meet all those people who you will be working with in the future.
Much Love,
Mom and Dad & Jenny

Happy Birthday Jessica!
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Enjoy your college years at MTSU.
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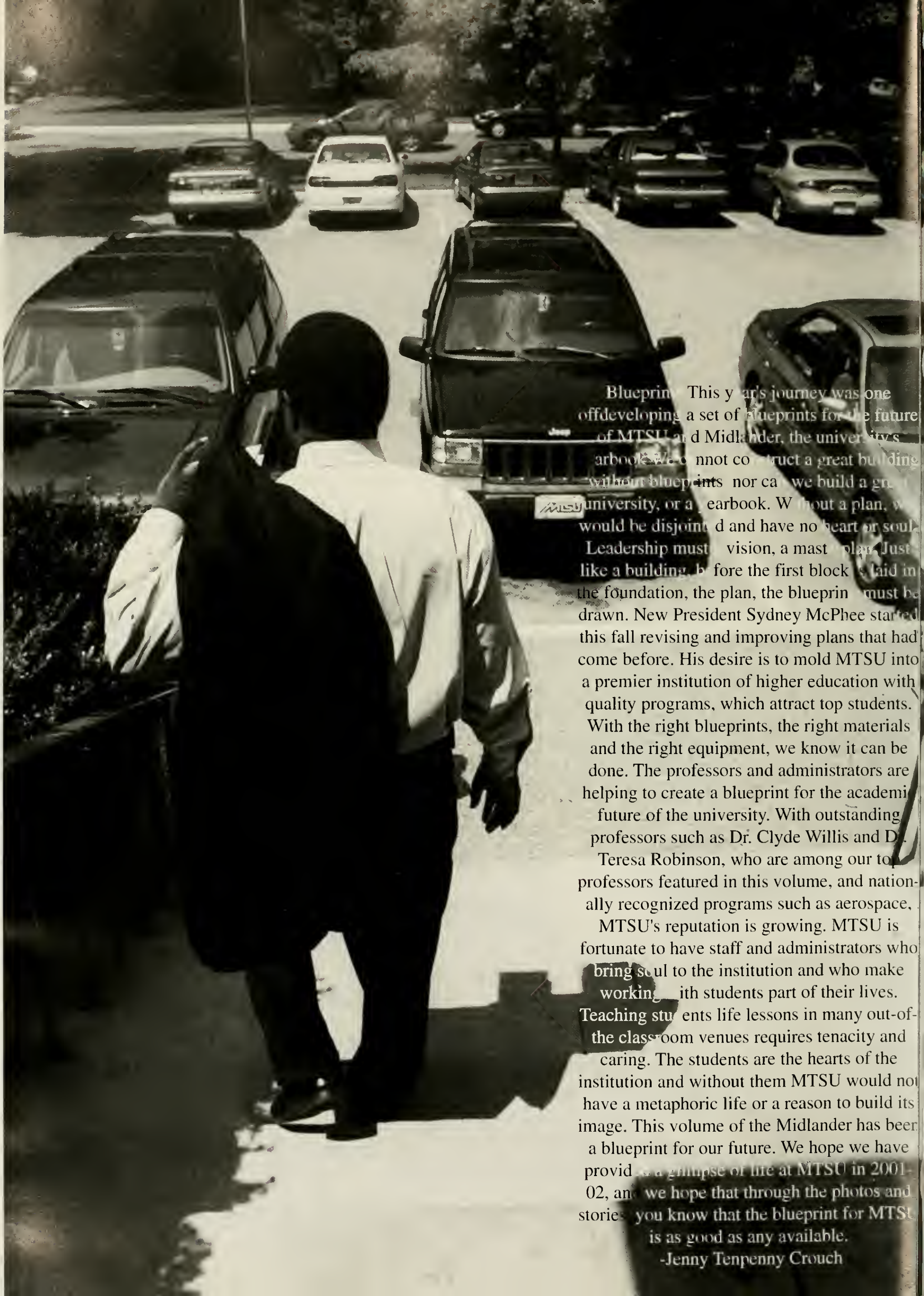
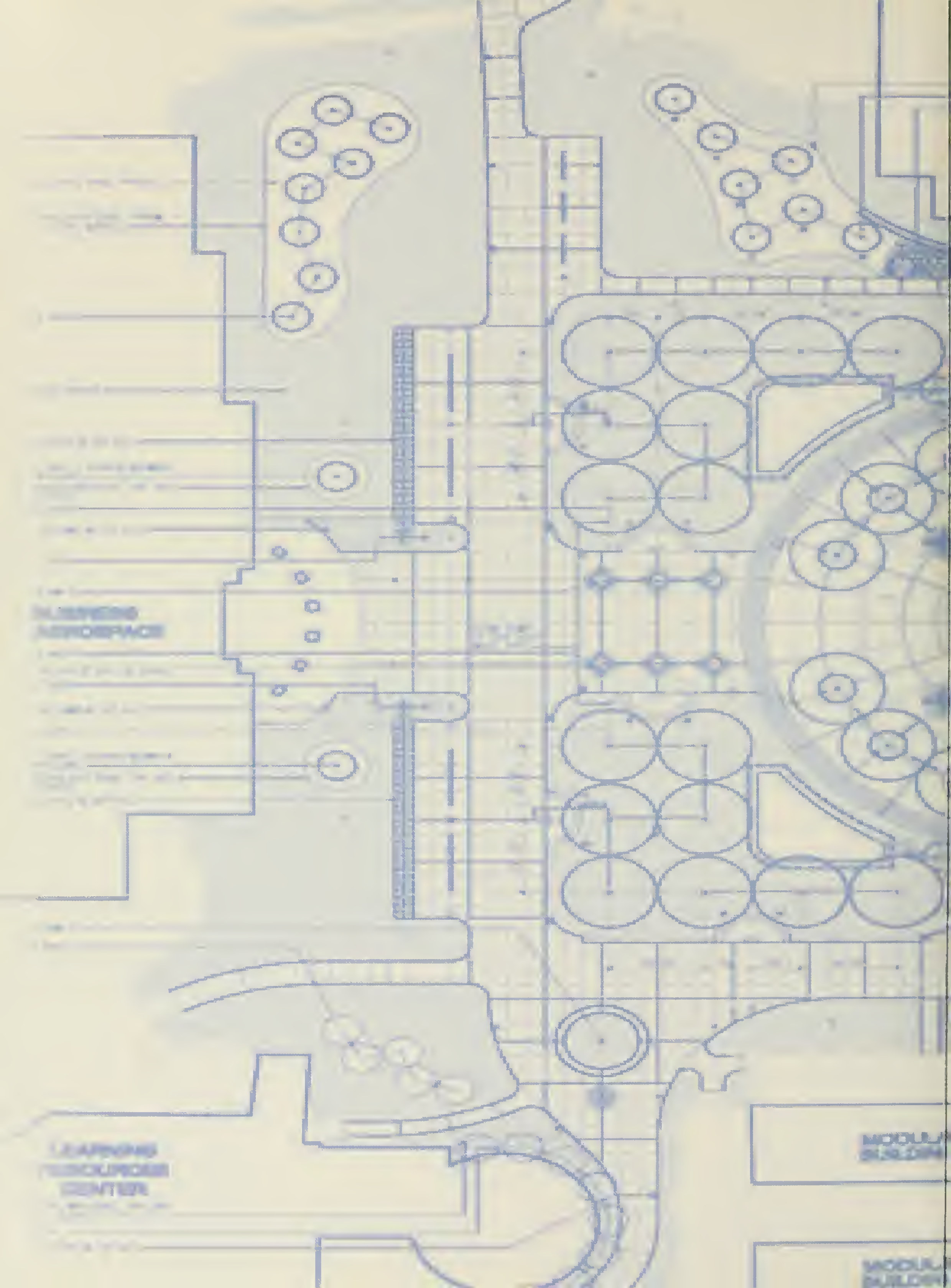


Blueprints This year's journey was one offdeveloping a set of blueprints for the future of MTSU and Midlander, the university's yearbook. We cannot construct a great building without blueprints nor can we build a great university, or a yearbook. Without a plan, we would be disjointed and have no heart or soul. Leadership must [illegible] vision, a master plan. Just like a building, before the first block is laid in the foundation, the plan, the blueprints must be drawn. New President Sydney McPhee started this fall revising and improving plans that had come before. His desire is to mold MTSU into a premier institution of higher education with quality programs, which attract top students. With the right blueprints, the right materials and the right equipment, we know it can be done. The professors and administrators are helping to create a blueprint for the academic future of the university. With outstanding professors such as Dr. Clyde Willis and Dr. Teresa Robinson, who are among our top professors featured in this volume, and nationally recognized programs such as aerospace, MTSU's reputation is growing. MTSU is fortunate to have staff and administrators who bring soul to the institution and who make working with students part of their lives. Teaching students life lessons in many out-of-the classroom venues requires tenacity and caring. The students are the hearts of the institution and without them MTSU would not have a metaphoric life or a reason to build its image. This volume of the Midlander has been a blueprint for our future. We hope we have provided a glimpse of life at MTSU in 2001-02, and we hope that through the photos and stories, you know that the blueprint for MTSU is as good as any available.

-Jenny Tenpenny Crouch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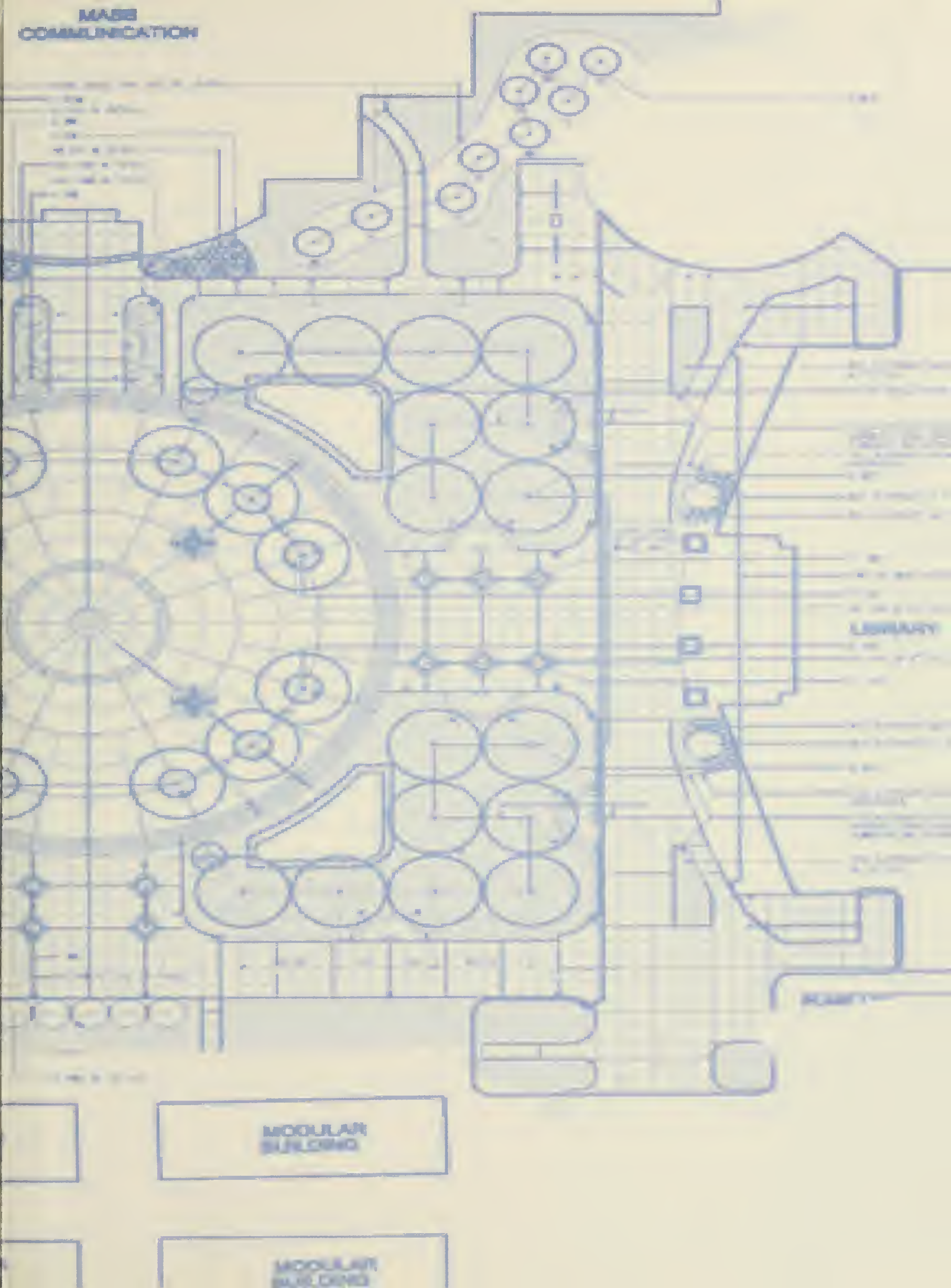
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